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Restaurants score with playoff run

Restaurant and bar owners have added incentive — beyond simple team loyalty — to cheer on the Canucks during the Stanley Cup final. The province's food-service industry stands to gain as much as $2 million a game during the final round, and that's no small change, said Ian Tostenson, president of the B.C. Restaurant and Foodservices Association.

"It's massive," he said. "They'll probably see a sales increase for home games up to 150 per cent and away games about 100 per cent."

This is a big change from 1994 — the last time the Canucks made it to the final round — when restaurants weren't allowed to have big-screen TVs and standing bars, giving pubs the monopoly over games.

"That change is immensely beneficial for the restaurant industry to be able to accommodate what's about to happen here," he said.

And while fans may not love the early start times, restaurants are all over it.

"What we saw last year was people would show up about 90 minutes before the game and start to eat and drink," Tostenson said.

"When the game starts, food sales go down and beer sales shoot right up. (And) people hang around afterwards if they've won.

"The best scenario is for the industry is ultimately a Stanley Cup win — which we're going to get — that goes seven games."

KRISTEN THOMPSON

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▶ Canucks captain Henrik Sedin at Rogers Arena yesterday.

Canucks carry Vancouver pride on their shoulders

- Players feel the energy in Vancouver ahead of Game 1
- Canucks must overcome history and expectations to succeed

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The Vancouver Canucks cannot escape the buzz surrounding the city.

But instead of cracking under the weight of expectations, the team wants to harness that energy as the Stanley Cup final begins tonight at Rogers Arena.

"We've got to enjoy this and realize there are only two teams left," said captain Henrik Sedin during a bustling media day at the arena yesterday. "We know from Vancouver's experience in the past that it's tough to get to this point. The Canucks have been to the final three times now and it's not easy."

The two previous teams that have made it this far faltered and the players know full well they're playing in a market that's starving for a Cup after 40 years.

"Emotionally it's going to be a challenge, but this is what everyone is playing for," said Christian Ehrhoff, who compared the atmosphere around the city to last year's Olympics Games. "When you go up in the street everyone is wishing us good luck. It's fun to see. The city has waited for an opportunity like this for quite a while and hopefully this is going to be the time we can bring the Cup here."

The city is certainly ready to hoist one.

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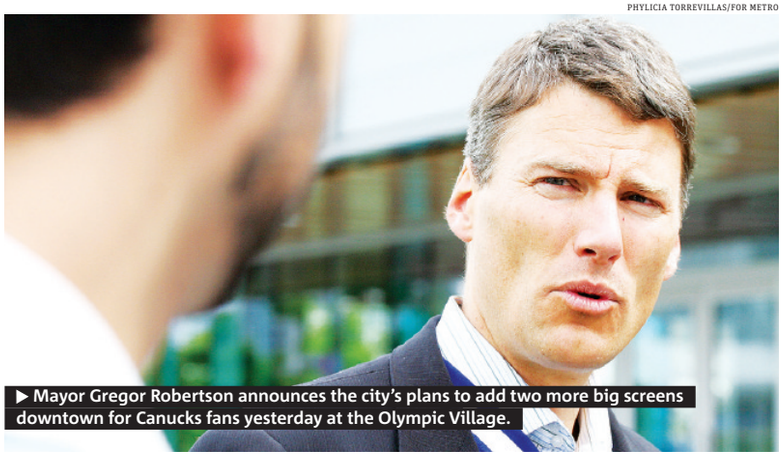

▶ Mayor Gregor Robertson announces the city's plans to add two more big screens downtown for Canucks fans yesterday at the Olympic Village.

Watch Cup on city's big screens: Mayor

Two large screens added to downtown fan zones on Granville and Hamilton streets City budgets $500,000 to rent screens and cover extra policing costs

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Fans can catch the Stanley Cup final on two big screens in two alcohol-free fan zones downtown.

A large screen will be mounted on the back of a flat-deck truck parked on Granville Street between Georgia and Robson streets, with around 6,000 people expected to show up.

Another screen has been added in the 700 block of Hamilton Street, for another 4,000 people.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said the city is allocating an additional $500,000 to cover extra policing costs to manage the crowds and rent the screens.

"We want to be sure that people can celebrate downtown and it's safe and a great environment for families," Robertson said. "We don't want to sell ourselves short, we want to make sure that we do this right."

The mayor is also asking people not to bring alcohol downtown to keep the atmosphere safe and relaxed.

"We don't want to see a lot of boozing and crazy behaviour, which we've seen years and years ago," he said. "But I think Vancouver has grown up and we're capable of celebrating without it coming apart."

For the fans

- Surrey residents can watch the game in the Central City Plaza near the Surrey Central SkyTrain Station.
- Tickets to watch away games at Rogers Arena are $10, the Canucks announced yesterday, and will go on sale at noon on Friday.
- Security at Rogers Arena is being stepped up for the final and will now include electronic scanners in addition to pat downs and bag checks. Entry is expected to take longer than usual and the doors will open at 3:45 p.m. to accommodate.

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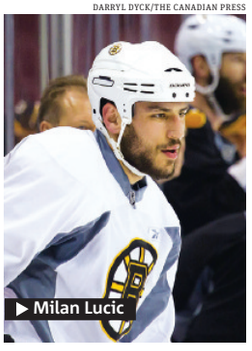

▶ Milan Lucic

Growing up, Milan Lucic always dreamed about playing in the Stanley Cup final in Vancouver.

He just never imagined it would be against the Canucks.

The budding Bruins star returns home tonight to play for the Cup and he couldn't be happier to have family and friends on hand to see him play on hockey's biggest stage.

"The fact that I'm here at home against the team I grew up cheering for makes it extra special," Lucic said after the Bruins practised at Rogers Arena yesterday. "(After being drafted by Boston) I just said to myself it would be cool if we were able to make it together, and here we are."

Despite being back home, the power forward who idolized the likes of Pavel Bure, Trevor Linden and Todd Bertuzzi has resisted the urge to visit his parents at home and unwind.

"I've thought about it, but I think the best thing to do is to go about it as I have in the last three series. Just to hang out with the boys on the team and stick around the hotel and make sure I'm doing all the things to get ready," he said. "After the series, (the family) have all summer to see me."

Veteran Mark Recchi is another Bruin coming back to British Columbia.

"B.C. still feels like home. Kamloops is still my home and my family is there," he said. "We all grew up Canucks fans. I was a big fan, so it's exciting."

While most Canucks fans will be cheering against the two popular B.C. players, Recchi says there's no conflicting loyalties in his family.

"They're more excited about me being in the finals than who I'm playing against," he said. "They just want me to win the Cup." MATT KIELTYKA

We asked:

Are the Stanley Cup playoffs a bigger deal or less exciting than the Olympics?

- **@Ken_Clough_:** Bigger deal, but equally awesome.
- **@pamelaSsaunders:** The playoffs are a bigger deal! We've got several Olympic medals, but the cup doesn't have our name on it yet!
- **@russic:** I would rather win 1 cup than 10 golds.
- **@NBS2010:** If they win the cup, yes it will equal or surpass the Olympics.
- **@peterlouwe:** For hockey fans, Stanley is bigger. For the rest of the world, the Olympics is tops.

How do you plan on balancing the early game start time with work?

- **@ilovedeluscious:** Starting work early so I can leave earlier on game days. Although, management has announced we can leave @ 3:30 tomorrow :)
- **@ChanCentre:** Get to work earlier and leave earlier :)
- **@JordanOrtillan:** Switching shifts with my boss on game days so that I start at 7:30a and get off at 4:00p.
- **@nicolb:** One eye on TV, one eye on laptop.
- **@maddynorton:** Leaving the office at 4 on game days!

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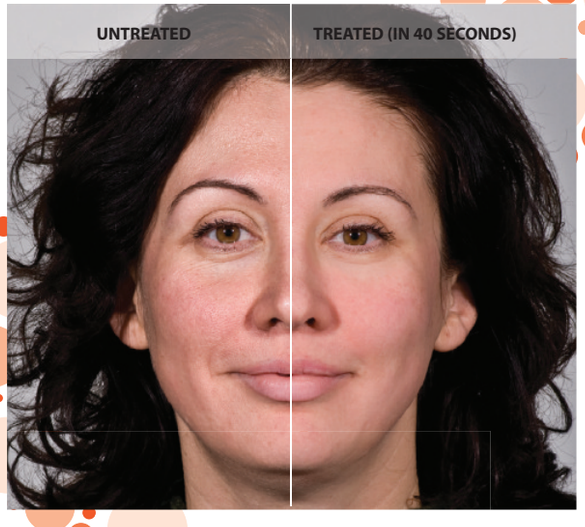

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Gauging Canucks' chance at the Cup

With the team poised to do what has never been done before in this hockey-mad city, Metro staff took to the streets and hashed things out with the fans

We asked, Do you think Vancouver will beat Boston and if so, what do you think are the keys to winning the cup?

Bill Marsh, 38, Vancouver
I think the Canucks are going to beat Boston because they are a harder-hitting team and it seems like they are more talented in scoring goals. All of the lines can produce, and we are a big threat in that way. If Luongo plays the way he has been playing, goals can't get by him. Also, as long as the Sedins and Kesler produce, we have a good chance of winning.

Michael Scott, 42, New Westminister
I think the Canucks will do it in six. If it is a power-play series, where refs are going to call penalties, we stand a better chance. It also depends on the Sedins and how they work around Chara. The size of Boston's defensive line worries me. Also, the fact that they have history because they are an Original Six team.

James Ellerington, 42, Surrey
We will outscore them on power plays, and Manny Malhotra being able to play will be a big boost for the team. Chara and their goalie (Thomas) worry me.

Dani Giammaria, 26, Burnaby
Canucks will win because they are more poised and ready. For the last couple years they have been building up to this moment. They have matured and they are ready to win it. Boston is more gritty than Vancouver, which somewhat worries me, but Vancouver is more offensive, so they will be able to take it.

Dallas Rudd, 58, Surrey
They have come this far. In previous seasons there was a bit of a downhill slump, but it's all good now. Luongo is a key to winning because you got to keep the goals out. The Boston team are heavy hitters, which worries me.

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Fans rejoice as NHL passes puck back to Winnipeg

True North Sports and Entertainment purchased Thrashers and will move team to Manitoba capital Team will be Canada's 7th

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Nothing like a little "White Out" to fix a problem.

Thousands of fans converged on Winnipeg's downtown yesterday, many of them wearing Winnipeg Jets jerseys, to celebrate the return of the NHL to Winnipeg. While the mood was celebratory, it was also relieved.

"It took so long," said James Michaels, 22. "It was up and down, and, man, I thought there for a while it would never happen. But now it has, and now I have to see if I can afford tickets."

Cody Petrash and Antony Maluzynsky wandered the barriers at Portage Avenue and Main Street for hours, the first fans to show up at the iconic Winnipeg intersection yesterday morning.

"I've been waiting for this day all my life," said Maluzynsky. "We've been waiting for this day, every day, for some NHL puck back in the 'Peg."

Winnipeg superfan Dancing Gabe said he was the happiest man in the city.

"It's been 15 long years, and I remember when they left for Phoenix I was just heartbroken," said Gabe, who attends every single sports game in Winnipeg. "But now they're coming back, and it's been a long time coming!"

Not everyone at the Forks shared the excitement. Sean Clements said he wasn't there for the announcement.

"I've have never really been a big hockey fan. I checked out a few games as a kid, but ... I'm here for the music. I didn't even know this was going on today."

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Fans break out in O Canada after hearing the NHL is coming back to Winnipeg. Video at metronews.ca.

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▶ Hockey supporters rally at The Forks in Winnipeg yesterday after the announcement that an NHL team will be returning to the city after 15 years.

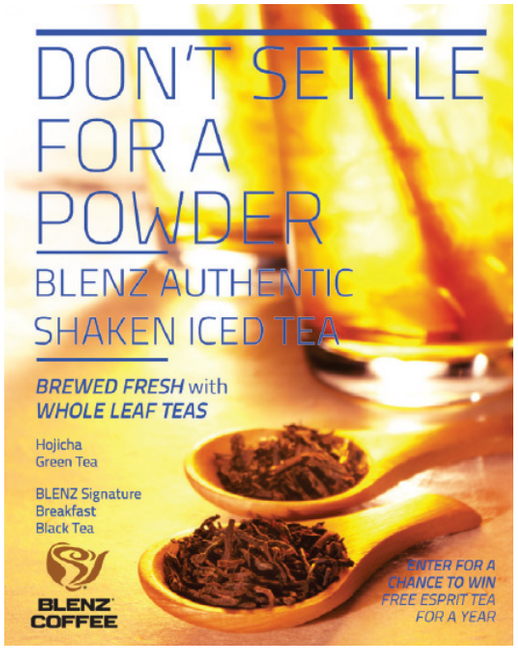
What the players think

In moving to a hockey hotbed, the Thrashers can expect a bit of culture shock in Winnipeg.

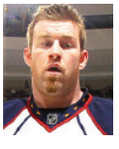
Captain Andrew Ladd
"Not having (NHL) hockey there for 15 years ... I'm sure (fans) are ready to blow the doors off the hinges and get this thing going."

Goalie Ondrej Pavelec
"People in Atlanta like baseball, they like American football. Everyone knows we had problems (getting) the fans to watch our games."

Goalie Chris Mason
"Next year it's going to be hockey, hockey, hockey. I just love that."



Boulton says move will be tough on family men



"That's my job, to play hockey, and it's business. We realize this stuff happens."
HALIFAX'S ERIC BOULTON OF THE THRASHERS

Amid the excitement of the NHL returning to Winnipeg, forgotten is the story of players set to leave a life they have built in the Georgia city. Halifax's Eric Boulton is one of those players.

"If you are a single guy, it's a lot easier transition. I have a wife who is from here and kids who are in hockey and in gymnastics. The transition for guys with families, it is a big deal," Boulton said yesterday by phone from Atlanta.

The 10-year NHL veteran and established league enforcer said he and his teammates with the Atlanta Thrashers heard for weeks rumours of a pending move to Winnipeg — although they were "kept in the dark" about most things.

Now, with the move official, Boulton called it "a lot to be excited about" and "an emotional day."

PHILIP CROUCHER

Quebec media mogul mum on Nordiques

Supporters of an NHL hockey team in Quebec City are among those cheering with the people of Winnipeg — and wondering, perhaps a little enviously, whether their day will come.

Pierre Karl Peladeau, the media mogul who hopes to bring back the Quebec Nordiques, says he's happy for Manitobans.

But the Quebecor media mogul remained tight-lipped about whether yesterday's announcement might help pave the way to Quebec also getting its team back.

"Unfortunately, I'm not going to be able to make any comments about what they're expecting to do with the league," Peladeau told a news conference yesterday, where he unveiled a new French-language sports TV network.

"We've been saying loud and clear, publicly for the last few months, that we do not intend to comment on what's happening there."

Winnipeg already has a modern arena while, in Quebec City, construction has yet to begin on a building to replace the old Colisee.

Peladeau has a financial agreement with the municipality to become the manager of the eventual arena, and he is expected to be a main contender in any bid to lure a team from the U.S.

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More problems at Japan nuke plant

- Tons of radioactive water needs to be cleaned up
- Further radiation tests for workers

An oil spill and a small explosion have caused limited damage — but no further radiation leaks — at the crippled nuclear power plant in northeastern Japan, the plant operator said yesterday.

Workers at Fukushima Dai-ichi plant found an oil spill in the sea near reactors five and six, which were in shutdown mode when the earthquake and tsunami struck March 11, Tokyo Electric Power Co. said. The spill was contained by an oil fence, TEPCO spokesman Taichi Okazaki said.

The explosion workers heard at reactor four was likely from a gas tank and did not cause any additional radiation leaks, he said.

The main problems at Fukushima Dai-ichi involve reactors one, two and three, where the fuel cores have largely melted. Scientists and government officials say the reactors are short of a full meltdown, in which the fuel breaks through the bottom of the outer container.

Workers have been fighting to get the reactors under control after the tsunami destroyed backup power generators.

TEPCO has promised to bring the plant under control by January, but fears are growing that was too optimistic.

Concerns about the risks workers face there surged this week as TEPCO said two workers might have exceeded a radiation-exposure limit.

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Compensation

- Also yesterday, TEPCO said it has finished its promised payment of preliminary compensation of 1 million yen ($12,300) for 50,000 households affected by the nuclear crisis.
- The company said it has started temporary compensation payments for farmers to cover their crop damages.

Prostitutes. Protest

▶ Face-painted South Korean prostitutes wearing traditional dresses wait to participate in a rally in front of city hall in Chuncheon, South Korea, yesterday.

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Rally against sex-work law

Hundreds of prostitutes gathered for the rally to denounce an anti-prostitution law that they say threatens their livelihoods.

Man on terror list denied child benefits

The Quebec government has told a Montreal man that he cannot receive child-assistance benefits because his name appears on a United Nations terror watch list.

It's the latest in a saga for Abousfian Abdelrazik. He spent six years in forced exile in Sudan including time in prison where he says he was tortured.

Despite being exonerated, he remains on the UN Security Council's 1267 list — which means he can't leave Canada and all of his financial assets are frozen. It also means he can't work and can't benefit from government programs like child tax credits.

A letter from the Quebec government furnished to The Canadian Press stated that Abdelrazik cannot receive benefits for his two children as long his name appears on the UN list.

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Brother of deceased testifies

The brother of a man the Crown says was the victim of a revenge killing by Vernon-area gang members over drugs testified yesterday his brother was a clean-cut first-aid worker with a good job months before his family lost contact.

Brian Marnuik said the photos he was shown in court depict a scruffy man, which he said indicates something changed in David Marnuik's life in 2004.

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N.S. town council resigns

The council and mayor of a small town in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley quit en masse yesterday because of financial problems, but there was little explanation beyond a terse statement on the town's website and confirmation that the RCMP are investigating a potential theft.

The statement said Bridgetown's seven-member council lacks financial and human resources to manage its money problems, and it is acting on the advice of accounting and legal consultants.

"Due to the magnitude and complexity of the town's financial problems ... town council of the Town of Bridgetown agreed to resign to make way for a quicker resolution of the town's present difficulties," the statement said.

The provincial government had no immediate comment on the resignations, but Municipal Relations Minister John MacDonell was expected to take steps to ensure the town keeps running.

About 1,000 people live in Bridgetown, about a two-hour drive west of Halifax.

The town's administrative assistant, who declined to give her name, said Mayor Art Marshall was not available to comment because he is no longer the mayor.

Calls to Marshall's home were not returned.

Marion Tanner, manager at the Bridgetown Motor Inn, said she was surprised by the resignations

"It puts us in a predicament as a small town," she said. "There's a lot of projects underway and hopefully they will continue."

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▶ In this image from a 1995 file video, Bosnian Serb boy Izudin Alic is patted on the head by a grinning Ratko Mladic, who assures him that everyone in Srebrenica will be safe.

Balkan horror remembered

The United Nations had declared the eastern Bosnian town of Srebrenica a protected area for civilians When Serb troops reached the base, outnumbered Dutch peacekeepers never fired a shot Mladic's troops then began separating the men for execution

The video horrified the world: a grinning Ratko Mladic patting a young Muslim boy on the head and assuring him everyone in the Srebrenica area will be safe — just hours before overseeing the murder of 8,000 men and boys.

The boy in the video is now a 24-year-old man. He clearly recalls the sunny day in July 1995 when he met the Bosnian Serb military commander who gave him chocolate.

"I was eight and I didn't know what was going on or who Ratko Mladic was," Izudin Alic told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview yesterday.

Mladic, 69, was captured last week by Serbian intelligence agents after 16 years on the run, and the UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague plans to try him on charges of genocide. Mladic was flown yesterday to the Netherlands after judges rejected his appeal to block an extradition order.

In 1995, Alic was among thousands of Bosnian Muslims who fled to the Srebrenica area seeking protection from UN troops. That July evening, he joined other kids flocking to a field where they heard an important soldier was handing out chocolate.

"He should get the biggest sentence possible. He killed my father, my uncle and so many of our people."
IZUDIN ALIC

"I went there with other children and took that chocolate bar from Ratko Mladic," said Alic, a lanky man with sunken eyes. "He asked me what my name was and I said 'Izudin.' I was not afraid. I was just focused on the chocolate."

Alic's grandfather had forbidden him to go, but he sneaked out of the factory where the family was hiding.

He was devouring it with gratitude while his father, Sahzet, was being hunted down by Mladic's men in the nearby woods. His father had fled the night before along with 15,000 other Srebrenica men, moving through mountains and minefields. Mladic's troops soon caught up with them.

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Mladic awaits trial in The Hague

Former Bosnian Serb military commander Ratko Mladic was placed in a U.N. detention unit yesterday to await trial on genocide charges, 16 years after he was indicted in the killing of 8,000 Muslim men and boys in the worst massacre of civilians in Europe since the Second World War.

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U.K. nixes anti-terror cartoon

Critics have questioned use of public funds to pay for boxing goods, rap lessons and camping

It was supposed to be a warning about the perils of joining the international jihad. But those behind Wish You Waziristan — a cartoon take on two young Britons' tortured journey to the heart of the Taliban insurgency — say officials have put the brakes on their government-funded counter-extremism project after being spooked by negative press.

The six-minute movie follows two England-raised Muslim brothers as they travel to a terrorist training camp in Pakistan and back to Britain — where they're taken into custody.

"It's a cautionary tale," said Martin Orton, whose company Bold Creative made the animated short with funding from the British government.

Extreme costs

- The film is one element of a bigger British effort aimed at preventing young people from embracing violent extremism — including lecture tours and outreach work by reformed extremists.
- Britain has spent about $115 million on the project over the past three years.

Orton said that the government appeared to have developed cold feet about releasing the video, due to be launched online on Sunday.

The government denied pulling the plug, saying the film simply wasn't finished.

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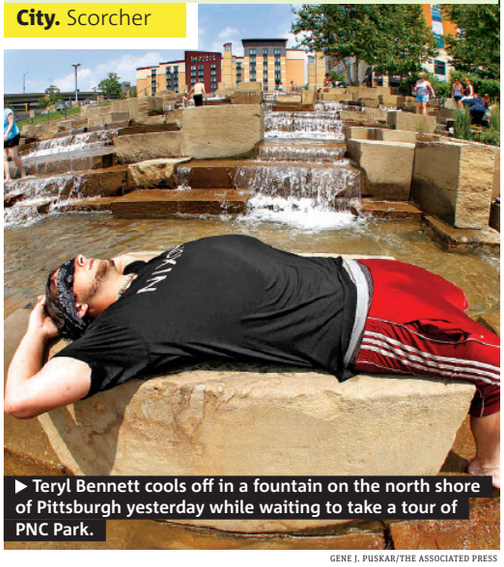

▶ Teryl Bennett cools off in a fountain on the north shore of Pittsburgh yesterday while waiting to take a tour of PNC Park.

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Pittsburgh heating up

Temperatures are expected to climb to almost 34 C in Pittsburgh today. If it does, it could tie the all-time record set in 1919.

Electricity rates hiked in China

40M China Electricity Council estimates a power shortfall of up to 40 million kilowatts in the summer.

China raised electricity rates for some industrial users as parts of the country grapple with their worst energy crisis in years.

Residential rates were unchanged.

The increase of about $3 per 1,000 kilowatt hours is meant to encourage conservation and urge producers to increase output despite losses and surging costs.

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No green in Brazil cash machines after heists

Brazilian police have arrested nearly 30 people in connection with a series of ATM heists that have left some poorer parts of Sao Paulo with scant access to cash.

Five current or former police officers were arrested in the sting yesterday. About 60 machines have been blown up, torched or broken into.

Police say residents in poorer areas of Sao Paulo, where there are few if any bank branches, now have few means of getting cash.

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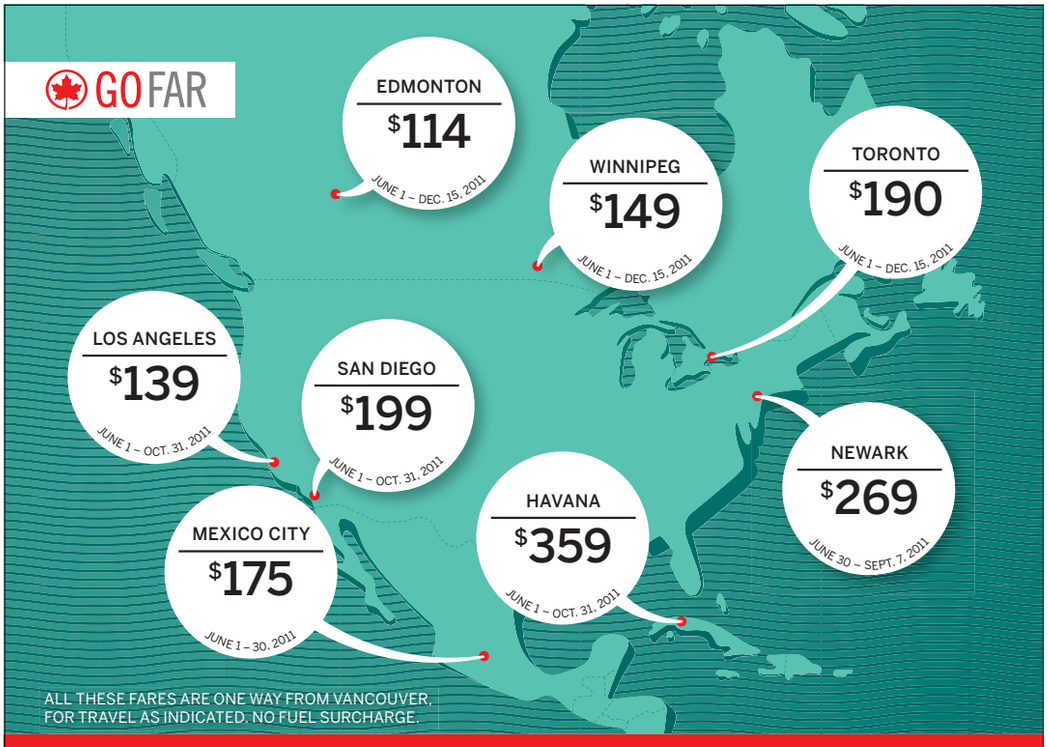

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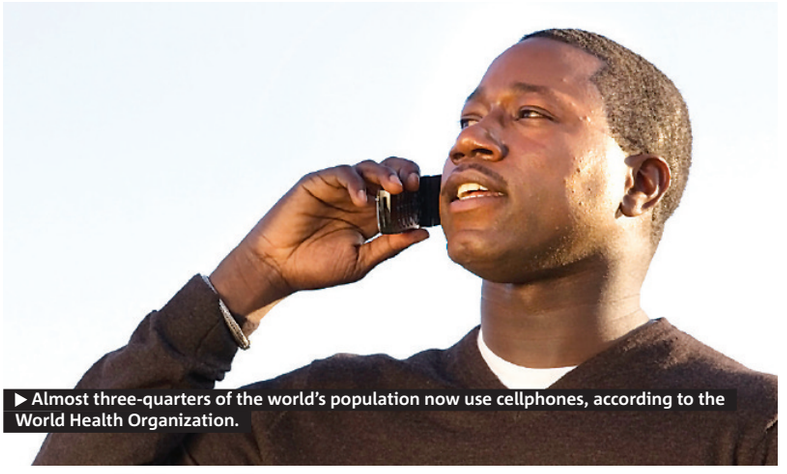

▶ Almost three-quarters of the world's population now use cellphones, according to the World Health Organization.

Cellphones may cause cancer, WHO study says

- Agency estimates 5 billion people use cellphones
- That is almost 3/4 of the world's population

The cancer agency of the World Health Organization says using cellphones and other wireless devices may put people at greater risk of brain cancer, but more study is needed to be certain.

A group of 31 scientists — including two Canadians — with the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer met in France for a week to study whether exposure to the type of electromagnetic radiation emitted by wireless devices could cause cancer.

Yesterday, the group classified radio frequency electromagnetic fields as "possibly carcinogenic to humans," based on a higher risk of glioma, a rare but often deadly form of brain tumour.

Other substances in the same category include pesticides and gasoline engine exhaust. The other categories include carcinogenic, probably carcinogenic and probably not carcinogenic.

The findings are based on data from case studies in multiple countries.

The chair of the working group, Dr. Jonathan Samet of the University of Southern California, said it's too soon to draw conclusive links between cancer and wireless devices.

The studies done so far haven't tracked people for longer than a decade or so. That's not long enough for scientists to rule out possible cancer links, since many cancerous tumours take a long time to develop.

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System in poor health: Report

If Canada wants to improve its health-care system, it should start by better organizing the crucial information that confounds doctors, patients and administrators, says the Health Council of Canada.

The council is responsible for monitoring progress on a 10-year federal-provincial health accord that infused provincial systems with $41 billion in federal money in 2004.

In its latest evaluation the council said the system as a whole is unreliable.

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"Although there is electronic health record infrastructure for half of Canadians, many physicians are not using it in their clinical decision-making."
HEALTH COUNCIL OF CANADA

Soldier's body returns home

The body of the latest Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan has arrived home.

A military plane carrying the body of Bombardier Karl Manning, 31, arrived yesterday at CFB Trenton, in eastern Ontario.

Manning was found dead on Friday at a forward military outpost in southern Afghanistan.

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▶ Quebec Solidaire Leader Amir Khadir

Some royal insults

Quebec parliamentarian calls visiting royals parasites
Province demands apology

The Quebec government demanded an apology from a legislator who compared the Royal Family to parasites and circus performers but he didn't appear to be backing down yesterday.

The remarks were made by the leader of the tiny left-wing party Quebec solidaire — who said taxpayers have no business footing the bill for the visit by Prince William and Kate.

Quebec's deputy premier said the comments from Amir Khadir demonstrate "a lack of class."

"There are a large number of Quebecers who have a lot of respect for the royal family," said Nathalie Normandeau, a Liberal cabinet minister.

But the anti-monarchist politician is refusing to take his words back.

Khadir, his party's only member of the legislature, went almost as far in a news conference yesterday as he did in an earlier interview with a Quebec tabloid. He stuck to his argument that the royals represent a "parasitic" system that should be obsolete in today's world.

"Taxpayers should not be paying for that," he said. Reminded that the event could draw tourists, he said: "If this is a tourist attraction I would at least like it if the principals involved, the prince and the princess, knew it — knew that we're bringing them here a little bit like we do with circus tours."

"(Khadir) should set an example. Going after that young couple the way he has, in such a coarse way, demonstrates a lack of class and a lack of respect towards Quebec citizens."
NATHALIE NORMANDEAU, LIBERAL CABINET MINISTER

"Are we bringing them here as a tourist attraction or out of respect for royal nobility?"

There will be protests when the royals stop in Quebec, as there almost always is when members of the monarchy stop in the province.

However the protest, which will be organized by a fringe group, is unlikely to be nearly as large or intense as the one that erupted when the Queen, visited in 1964.

That event is still remembered as Truncheon Saturday, for the beating police laid on some protestors who disrupted the visit.

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31 accused bikers freed

Nearly three dozen alleged members of the Hells Angels biker gang have been set free in Montreal because it took too long for them to be put on trial.

Quebec Superior Court Justice James Brunton ordered the release of 31 accused bikers, who were among 155 rounded up by police in 2009.

He stressed that he was not releasing the men over questions of guilt or innocence, but because the justice system was simply unable to provide the labour needed to try the bikers detained in the massive police crackdown.

The judge said the delays would have prevented the accused from having fair trials. Defence lawyers insist it could take 10 years before the last of the accused goes to trial.

Charges against the 155 accused include murder, gangsterism, drug trafficking and conspiracy.

About 2,200 witnesses have been called and if evidence contained on computer discs were printed out, it would stretch 145 kilometres.

The cases of 124 other accused have been divided into five mega-trials.

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▶ Conrad Black

Former media mogul vows to keep fighting for freedom

Black, sentenced to more than six years in a U.S. federal prison, has been free since last summer while appeals run their course

Conrad Black says he will keep fighting for his freedom after the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday rejected an appeal from the former media tycoon challenging his two remaining convictions.

"That court almost never takes a case back and so its decision was expected," Black said in an email to The Canadian Press.

The top court decided last June to limit how U.S. courts apply "honest services" law, which had been used by prosecutors in a number of high-profile cases involving allegations of white-collar crime by corporate executives. The Supreme Court didn't overturn the convictions but sent the cases back to lower appeals courts to determine whether the convictions would hold up if the new standard had been applied.

Two of Black's three fraud convictions were overturned in October by a U.S. appeals court. It upheld one fraud conviction and one for obstruction of justice.

Black is set to appear in court on June 24 for resentencing on his two remaining fraud convictions.

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Aid agency warns food prices set to double

As food costs spike for the second time in three years, an international aid agency predicts the price of some staples such as corn will double in the next 20 years amid a permanent crisis caused by rising demand, flat crop yields and climate change.

The report by Oxfam released yesterday said the demand for food will grow 70 to 90 per cent by 2030, without factoring in the impact of climate change. Increasingly frequent droughts, floods and changes in agricultural patterns from global warming will add pressure to what the agency calls an already broken system.

Oxfam said in its report, Growing a Better Future, that 925 million people — one out of seven — are hungry, and the figure is likely to surpass 1 billion by the end of this year.

"If you think we have a crisis here, in 30 years it will be a cataclysm if the status quo remains," said Gonzalo Fanjul, a policy adviser for Oxfam.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization says food prices are higher than they have been in the last 20 years, surpassing the 2008 price spike that set off food riots in cities around the world. Instability fueled by high oil prices is likely to continue, the Rome-based FAO said.

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Demand outstrips supply

The Oxfam report called for building a multilateral system of food reserves, ending biofuel subsidies so more crops go toward edibles, and more investment in the 500 million small farms in developing countries.

The long-term problem is that the growing number of people on Earth and their demand for an animal-based diet is outstripping the growth in agriculture.

Oxfam said global crop yields grew an average 2 per cent between 1970 and 1990, but then dropped to 1 per cent and are still declining.

"The dramatic achievements of the last century are running out of steam," it said.

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Chipman proves to be MVP of new franchise

Local businessman worked to create conditions for NHL to return • Began push almost as soon as Jets left

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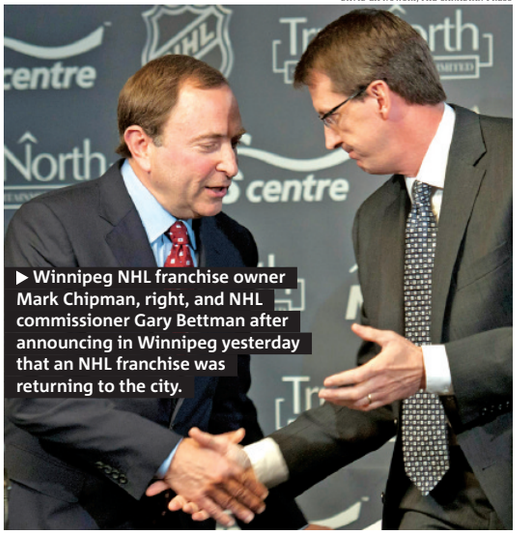

Winnipeg NHL franchise owner Mark Chipman, right, and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman after announcing in Winnipeg yesterday that an NHL franchise was returning to the city.

Mark Chipman wears his love of hockey on his sleeve. The Winnipeg businessman started the work to bring an NHL team to Winnipeg practically the day the league left in 1996.

"I came away from that experience with a deep sense of disappointment, but also the realization that our lack of success was not anyone's fault," Chipman said of the loss of the Jets. "Rather that after 17 years, the economics of our city and the NHL were no longer compatible."

Since 1996, Chipman has worked to create the conditions that the NHL could return.

With the purchase of the minor league Manitoba Moose, the construction of the MTS Centre and a quiet and persistent campaign at the league's highest levels, that campaign came to fruition yesterday.

Former Winnipeg mayor Glenn Murray said Chipman was a key leader in the public-private partnership that built the MTS Centre which he called the turning point for the city.

Chipman brought the Minnesota Moose of the IHL to Winnipeg in 1996 and renamed them the Manitoba Moose to fill the void left by the departure of the Winnipeg Jets for Phoenix.

"While the loss of the Winnipeg Jets had a profound effect on the psyche of our city and our province, I believe it also stiffened our resolve."
MARK CHIPMAN

When the IHL folded in 2001, he represented several former IHL members in talks that saw six IHL teams move to the American Hockey League, where the Moose currently play.

Chipman later formed True North Sports and Entertainment to own the Moose, the farm team for the Vancouver Canucks, and build the MTS Centre, the team's home in downtown Winnipeg, that opened in 2004.Chipman formed True North Sports and Entertainment to own the Moose and build the MTS Centre.

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Hockey runs in family of loyal Winnipegger

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Mark Chipman earned an undergraduate degree in economics as well as a law degree from the University of North Dakota.

He was called to the bar in Florida where he worked as an assistant district attorney and later in private practice.

Chipman returned to Winnipeg in 1988 to work for the Birchwood Automotive Group and took over as president in 1992. He was named president of Megill Stephenson in September 2001.

Married with three daughters who all play hockey, Chipman has also been involved with Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association as both a player and a coach and as a director of the Hockey Canada Foundation, which helps raise money to fund development of players and promote the game.

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Hard work

- John Paddock, general manager of the Jets when they left town in 1996, credited Chipman for getting the deal done.
- Paddock said: "Mark Chipman's a loyal Winnipegger who's worked awfully hard at this."

Bank rates could rise

Higher inflation could boost household borrowing, experts say Strong dollar will keep import costs down

The Bank of Canada has signalled that interest rates will likely rise later this year, as long as the still-fragile economic recovery continues to build.

For the sixth straight announcement date, the central bank yesterday delayed the tightening regime it began almost a year ago and kept its trend-setting policy interest rate at one per cent.

But in an accompanying statement, the bank did alter its advisory on future action, indicating it will start moving rates closer to their normal levels if the recovery continues on track.

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▶ Mark Carney

"To the extent that the expansion continues and the current material excess supply in the economy is gradually absorbed, some of the considerable monetary policy stimulus currently in place will be eventually withdrawn," it said.

"Such reduction would need to be carefully considered."

It's the first time the bank has signalled in an interest rate announcement that it will eventually have to raise rates, although governor Mark Carney has been warning Canadians that higher rates are coming for more than a year.

Financial markets appeared to react to the new language — the loonie jumped nearly a cent to 103.28 cents US following the release of the statement. Analysts said nothing was carved in stone.

CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld puts the odds of a move in July at less than 50 per cent.

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Economic future

- Analysts say the The Bank of Canada seems uncertain about how economic recovery will unfold.
- The bank appeared to take a darker view yesterday of the U.S. recovery and the European debt crisis, compared to its outlook in April.
- It also repeated concerns about Japan's natural and nuclear disasters.
- Supply chain disruptions from Japan will cause Canada's second-quarter growth to fall sharply, but the negative impacts will be short-lived.

News in brief

Jazz by any other name is Air Canada

AIRLINES. Air Canada's regional service Jazz will begin flying under the Air Canada Express banner starting today.

The name change is part of the airline's rebranding of all of its regional services. The first Jazz plane to be renamed will be the Bombardier Q400 turboprops, with the others to follow once other Q400s are delivered or the existing aircraft are repainted.

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Wired. World

▶ A model displays the Gigabyte S1080 tablet on the opening day of Computex computer expo yesterday in Taipei, Taiwan. The show runs for five days, with sales orders projected to total $25 billion US.

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Expo takes big 'bytes'

Computex features a record-setting 1,800 sellers, and an estimated 36,000 buyers. The mobile platform has been a huge trend for the past year, with tablets being the hottest item at the second-largest computer fest.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
– 26.79 (13,802.88)	+ 0.9¢ (103.28¢ US)	+ $2.11 US ($102.70 US)	$4.666 (+ 14.8¢)

Gold contract $1,535.90 (– 40¢)

Sex assault allegations at gold mine investigated

Barrick Gold Corp. says it is investigating allegations of sexual assaults against local women at one of its gold mines in Tanzania.

The company says the assaults are alleged to have taken place at the North Mara mine, which is owned and operated by Barrick's subsidiary, African Barrick Gold PLC.

The Toronto-based gold miner says that a preliminary investigation by ABG has found credible evidence of sexual assaults by members of the Tanzanian police and the company's security guards.

Barrick says local police are also probing the allegations and a senior level investigations unit will be deployed to the mine in the coming days.

The company says it is "deeply distressed" by the evidence that has emerged. Its own investigation is ongoing and the findings will be made public once the report is concluded.

Earlier this month, North Mara was the site of deadly clashes between police and a crowd of about 800 people trying to steal ore from the mine. Seven people were killed and a dozen more were injured.

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▶ Demonstrators protest recently outside the Barrick Gold Corporation's annual general meeting in Toronto.

Zero tolerance

- Barrick says any employee implicated in human rights violations or other serious criminal acts will be terminated.
- Barrick owns and operates gold mines in Canada, the U.S., Peru, Argentina, Chile, Australia and Papua New Guinea.

CHANNELLING HIS INNER CAVEMAN

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

Creepy news out of Silicon Valley this week: Mark Zuckerberg, the CEO of Facebook, has taken to only eating meat he kills himself.

Various online tongues are wagging: Not a big deal for a guy who has already killed MySpace. But MySpace was a bunch of bits and bytes. MySpace did not have big eyes and a little fluffy tail that wags unsuspectingly when you approach it.

Zuckerberg, demonstrating the same steely resolve he used to deal with the Winklevoss twins, went to a nearby farm in the valley and killed his own pig, chicken and goat by slitting their throats.

Oink!

This is just an extension of Zuckerberg's annual commitment to do something that stretches the Zuckerberg envelope, which is already an overweight package. Last year, it was learn Chinese. This year, it's kill defenceless domestic animals. Next year? Just hope it doesn't involve weapons of mass destruction.

> **"If (Mark) Zuckerberg wants to be a truly accountable carnivore, shouldn't he have to catch it, as well as kill it?"**

The point, says Zuckerberg, is that "many people forget that a living being has to die for you to eat meat, so my goal revolves around not letting myself forget that and being thankful for what I have."

Easy for him to say, but I'm sure the goat would prefer an intact throat even if Zuckerberg doesn't get to feel better about himself.

Because isn't that really the point? Twenty-seven-year-old megalomaniac multibillionaire gets to feel better about himself by engaging in some kind of twee blood ritual that makes everybody else's skin crawl.

Say you're an ambitious young VP at Facebook and Zuckerberg invites you up to the farm for the weekend to kill some dinner. What do you do? Gee, Mark, sorry! Not this weekend, I have to wash my hair?

The fact is that the real difference between human beings and the rest of the animal kingdom is that only people are capable of hypocrisy. I have to admit that if I had to kill the ingredients in my chicken Caesar salad, I would become an instant vegetarian. And that probably goes for everyone else who is not a bloodthirsty software entrepreneur trying to get in touch with his inner caveman.

Even more obvious, it's simply not practical, unless they start installing do-it-yourself abattoirs at the local supermarkets, part of the trend to checking out and bagging your own groceries.

If Zuckerberg wants to be a truly accountable carnivore, shouldn't he have to catch it, as well as kill it? It's easy to prey on some poor caged animal, but imagine what a spiritual experience it would be if you had to run the poor critter down first.

A week of that and I guarantee he will be thankful if he manages to catch his dinner.

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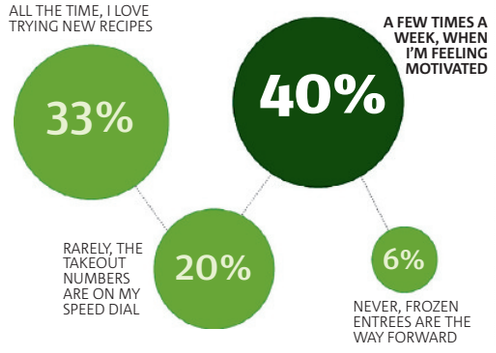

Local tweets

- **@Vancity-Buzz:** So #Vancouver will get the real housewives series. Does this mean Surrey will be the next Jersey Shore? Surrey Jacks get ready to audition!
- **@oligardner:** Is anyone else stoked that the #Canucks are playing in the friggin' Stanley friggin' Cup Finals tomorrow night!!!!!!! #YVR
- **@kamilkaramali:** Complications to #lasereyesurgery results in plugged tear ducts. Dammit, now no one will be able to see me cry when the #Canucks win the cup
- **@icecreamspinach:** Anybody want to take me to #Canucks game? Am good company, can tutor on science topics ... um, chat about Star Wars, ok, yeah. #fb
- **@jvoon:** Hope #Canucks don't share farm teams in Abbotsford. Won't be the same as making the trip out there and cheering for the opposing team.
- **@NinjaOnTheGrind:** How many of you guys are taking tomorrow off or leaving early??? #canucks
- **@BodogGirl:** There are 4/1 odds that the #Vancouver #Canucks will win the series 4-2

Worth mentioning

SAN FRANCISCO. Twitter is trying to make it quicker and easier to track the world's most interesting people on its short-messaging service.

The new shortcut is being provided by a Twitter "follow" button that can be placed on websites to highlight celebrities, athletes, reporters and other people who tweet their thoughts and share other information.

More than 50 websites already have agreed to use the new feature, which was announced yesterday.

The publishers latching on to Twitter's Follow button include AOL Inc., Yahoo Inc., The Wall Street Journal, Sports Illustrated and TV Guide.

The famous people using the feature include Justin Bieber, Jennifer Lopez and Lady Gaga, who already has the most Twitter followers at 10.6 million.

Twitter already had been offering a "tweet" button to help websites attract links to their content.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder

WEIRD NEWS

Almost like speaking from beyond grave

In an effort to better relate to a younger generation, a U.S.-based headstone manufacturer has created new burial markers so visitors can learn more about the deceased and leave messages for them.

All it takes is a smartphone or mobile device and a free app.

Seattle-based Quiring Monuments lasers QR — or "quick read" — codes on black plastic and copper stickers. The code looks like a square barcode. They are then stuck on the monument.

After scanning the code on a smartphone or an app on a mobile device, like an iPad, visitors are redirected to a website built by the person's family.

Each site can be personalized with memories, comments from friends, pictures, videos, family history and a map to the grave's exact location.

"It's a way to tie together the old way of memorializing with granite headstones and the new trend of social networking, which is how a lot of people are grieving now," Jon Reece, general manager of Quiring Monuments, told the Toronto Star.

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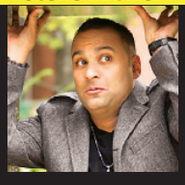

Canadian comedian Russell Peters says he felt like he was "drowning" onstage during his recent gigs with Charlie Sheen in Toronto. In mid-April, Peters interviewed Sheen at for two nights as part of the troubled TV star's Violent Torpedo of Truth tour.
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Snooki, fellow Jersey Shore cast member in fender bender in Italy; apparently uninjured Scan code for story.

Ray Romano matures in Men of a Certain Age

- **Award-winning drama deals with mid-life challenges**
- **Has been called 'comical, poignant and harrowing'**

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▶ Pushing 50: "Write what you know," says Romano, centre. "That's what we did with (Everybody Loves) Raymond." Scott Bakula, left, and Andre Braugher also star in Men Of A Certain Age.

On tonight's return of Men of a Certain Age, mild-mannered party-store owner Joe has a confusing brush with his ex-wife.

Terry, the failed-actor-turned-car-salesman and perennial bachelor, seems ready to settle down with his new girlfriend.

And Owen, who runs his father's struggling car dealership, makes a pivotal decision about his career.

To put it another way: There are no murders, zombies or superhuman capers. The three lifelong pals who now are coping with mid-life are such remarkably ordinary heroes for a TV series they seem downright exotic. As played by series stars Ray Romano, Scott Bakula and Andre Braugher, these guys are never larger-than-life, but instead recognizably true-to-life.

"When Raymond ended, I was on the top of the world. Cloud 9, money, free time, golf, go places! And my therapist said, 'You want to start coming twice a week?'"
RAY ROMANO

Critics love...

- **Men of a Certain Age** is more reflective, more nuanced and more bittersweet than Everybody Loves Raymond.
- **The drama** was duly rewarded for its special brand of normalness when it premiered in late 2009, winning critical praise and healthy ratings.

This year, Men won a prestigious George Foster Peabody award, administered by the University of Georgia and popularly known as the Pulitzer of the electronic media. The Peabody judges hailed the series as "comical, poignant and harrowing, sometimes all at once."

Receiving the award onstage last week, Romano proudly wisecracked, "I just want to say to my wife of 23 years: Maybe NOW you'll watch the show."

A few hours earlier, Romano and Men co-creator Mike Royce looked back on how their prize-winning show had come about.

A few years back, both men were feeling a bit of middle-age angst in the aftermath of Romano's hit comedy Everybody Loves Raymond, on which Royce served as a writer and executive producer.

"Right after Raymond," explained Romano, "I had a world-is-my-oyster attitude, but I found out I don't like oysters. I had this existential emptiness. 'What is my purpose? Who am I?' I had a big identity crisis."

"I had the same problem, but with less money," laughed Royce, who is now 47. So Romano and Royce began commiserating.

The character they wrote for Romano was a newly divorced father of two with a gambling problem and a job that seemed to brand him as a variation of the timeless sad clown: a man who runs a party store for whom life isn't a party.

As they go along, has doing the show given Romano any personal insight about navigating his own middle age?

"I don't know," he replied, caught short by the question. "My character is still kind of grasping. He still hasn't gotten to a place of contentment." A bit like Romano? "I ask my therapist, 'Why can't I just sit back and be happy?' And he says, 'Well, first of all, I need to make a living.'"
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Global TV reveals fall lineup

- CTV is set to announce its slate of shows tomorrow
- CBC will publicize its fall newbies on June 8

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▶ Maria Bello stars in the television show Prime Suspect, which is a new take on the British drama.

A new take on the British drama Prime Suspect, an animated version of Napoleon Dynamite and the return of Dave Foley and Sarah Michelle Gellar to series television are among the highlights of Global TV's fall lineup.

Global's parent company, Shaw Media, announced a prime-time roster that includes six new dramas and six new comedies.

They include a small-screen adaptation of John Grisham's The Firm; Gellar as a woman who takes over her estranged twin sister's identity in Ringer; the rookie cop drama The 2-2, executive produced by Robert De Niro; and Foley's sitcom How to be a Gentleman.

Over on specialty channel Slice, two reality show staples get a Canadian spin: Real Housewives Vancouver and Intervention Canada.

The new shows were to be detailed at a glitzy downtown presentation aimed at ad buyers.

Citytv announced its lineup Monday, touting buzzed-about series including the dinosaur drama Terra Nova and J.J. Abrams' thriller Person of Interest.

Fresh comedies include Are You There, Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea, inspired by comedian Chelsea Handler's memoir; the animated series Allen Gregory with the voice of Jonah Hill as a precocious seven-year-old; I Hate My Teenage Daughter about two best friends raising teenage daughters; and Fran Drescher in Happily Divorced as a Los Angeles florist who finds out her husband is gay.

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Gaga didn't know that she had gone bankrupt

She now tops Forbes list of most powerful celebrity with $125M net worth

Lady Gaga may have topped Forbes most powerful celebrities list with an estimated net worth of more than $125 million, but her last blow-out tour actually drove her into bankruptcy, she tells the Financial Times.

"I put everything in the show, and I actually went bankrupt after the first extension of the Monster Ball," she says. "And it was funny because I didn't know! And I remember I called everybody and said, 'Why is everyone saying I have no money? This is ridiculous, I have five No. 1 singles' — and they said, 'Well, you're $3 million in debt.'"

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▶ Lady Gaga.

Talking points

Jolie gushing over Pitt still

OR, PARTS OF HIM. After six years together and just as many children, Angelina Jolie can't stop gushing about Brad Pitt.

"I am very lucky with Brad," she tells the Telegraph. "He is a real gentleman, but he is also a real man's man. He's got the wonderful balance of being an extraordinary, great, loving father, a very, very intelligent man and physically he's a real man … in all things that it means," she adds, blushing.

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Celebrity tweets

"Finally get to eat some sushi again before I'm off to new York tomorrow. Everyone In here knows my name, I think I come eat here too often."

@PSchwarzenegger

@NathanFillion

"I just realized I collect flashlights. Weird."

@PamGrier

"My mom wants a pink scooter! Help us!

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Mexico City: music to the ears, mouth and eyes

Mexico City has a fascinating culture and if anything, it's worth coming to experience just that. You cannot come here without seeing some iconic institutions such as the Anthropology and Telegraph Museum. The truth is, there is so much to see that its unrealistic you'll be able to see and do it all. Instead, you'll want to come back again and again because Mexico City is such an amazing place. Discover all sorts of gems from the pyramids of Teotihuacán to some of the most colourful markets in the world.

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The first thing that you should do (there is no doubt in this) is to get on the Turibús. It only costs $8 dollars for a day and once on it you get to tour the entire city. You will need lots and lots of patience as there's so much congestion in Mexico City. In fact, it's famous for that! The good thing about this slow pace is that it will allow you to really see all the touristy attractions and monuments (turibus.com.mx).

▶ Turisbus

Been there before?

I love taking the time to walk around the museums and browsing through the exhibitions they have on. I would recommend visiting the Object Museum in Colima 145 (Colonia Roma). It has many interesting things to look at if you like the design of it. Another great thing you should do is go to the brand new Soumaya Museum (Lago Zurich 245, Colonia Ampliación Granada, soumaya.com.mx). The museum is one of the most artsy and decadent to open in the city and there is no entry fee.

Stay in

Staying at Hotel Condesa DF on Avenida Veracruz 102 is a great choice. It's a classic building and a top boutique hotel in that area. (From $150, condesadf.com)

Go out

For fun drinks and awesome music I head downtown. I love going to La Opera (Av. 5 de mayo 10) a little too much! Their cocktails are so cheap, $5, so really it's a done deal. Nuevo Leon Street in La Condesa is also heaving with pubs. Try the mezcal at The Dancers in Coyaocán (Plaza Jardín Centenario 12).

Eat

Tacos tacos tacos! They are sold on every street corner and there is no need to explain: It's the most popular street food. And it's so cheap: for $1 you can eat two beef, bean or chicken tacos. One restaurant to taste some of the best Mexican fusion food is Monte Cristo. (Insurgentes Norte 1980 and its website is rmontecristo.com.) Their dishes (toasted bean soup and chorizo tortilla or suckling pig tacos) are inspirational and delicious.

▶ Tacos

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Shopping in Mexico City

In the Colonia Roma and Condesa there are so many independent and quirky design shops for you to browse through. A lot of stuff is modern but with a distinct, unique Mexican twist at the same time. One of my favourite places is '5 º element' (Cuernavaca 79). Another place I like going to is Galería Gurú (Colima 143, gurugalleryshop.com).

Attraction featuring animatronic dinosaurs to open at Ohio amusement park. Scan code for story.

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Plenty of new rides to give you a thrill

New roller coasters are going up at amusement parks all over the United States Coney Island getting its first new roller coaster since the 1920s

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The new Windseeker ride at Cedar Point Amusement Park/Resort in Sandusky, Ohio.

Massive swings at Cedar Point, Kings Island, Dollywood and a Six Flags in California, plus coasters at Six Flags themed on the Green Lantern and a new Little Mermaid attraction at Disneyland are among the new attractions awaiting visitors this season at theme parks north of the border.

Cedar Point and Kings Island in Ohio, and Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, Calif., all are rolling out a thrill ride called Windseeker, which spins riders nearly 30 storeys in the air in two-person swings that flare out and rotate around a tower.

An extremely wet April in Ohio delayed work on the ride at Cedar Point in Sandusky and Kings Island in Mason, so they weren't ready when the parks opened earlier in May, but they're now expected to be up and running.

Six Flags parks in Vallejo, Calif., and St. Louis also are debuting monster swings. Their version, called SkyScreamer, towers 72 metres above the ground with two-person swings soaring in a 30-metre circle at 70 km/h. The ride will be lighted at night from top to bottom.

And Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., added a swing ride called Barnstormer, with two pendulum arms seating 16 passengers each. The swing takes riders to a peak of 25 metres in the air and rotates at 72 km/h. A barnyard-themed play area and pig pen water play area surround the ride.

"Creativity and innovation, which are really the foundation of the business, are alive and well in our industry, and I think the attractions that are opening illustrate that," said David Mandt, spokesman for the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions.

Roller-coaster enthusiasts will also be able to get their fix on new rides at the Six Flags parks.

Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, N.J., and Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia, Calif., are launching Green Lantern, a 15-storey stand-up coaster that begins with a 72-km/h vertical drop before rocketing riders through five inversions, including loops and corkscrews.

Green Lantern is among three new coasters at Six Flags Magic Mountain. Six Flags New England near Springfield, Mass., adds the steel coaster called Gotham City: Gauntlet Escape from Arkham Asylum, while the Dare Devil Dive coaster opens at Six Flags Over Georgia in Austell, Ga., featuring a 10-storey vertical drop. Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington marks its 50th anniversary by bringing back a faster and steeper Texas Giant coaster.

New York's Coney Island has this year opened its first new roller coasters since the famed Cyclone was built in the 1920s. Four new thrill rides in the park are known collectively as the Scream Zone.

In early June, Disney California Adventure in Anaheim debuts The Little Mermaid — Ariel's Undersea Adventure as part of a multiyear billion-dollar expansion of the park. The family-friendly ride features characters from the popular movie as riders travel on a virtual underwater journey. Disney parks in Orlando, Fla., and California are reopening the venerable Star Tours ride with a new 3-D element and Star Wars-inspired story line for the deep space flight simulator. Star Tours opened May 20 at Disney World and will open June 3 at Disneyland.

Star Wars fans get a treat at Legoland in Carlsbad, Calif., too, with Star Wars Miniland, which offers scenes from the movies made of 1.5 million Lego bricks, including depictions of Tatooine where Luke Skywalker grew up; Endor; the icy planet Hoth and the Millennium Falcon. Later in the year, in October, the world's fifth Legoland park is scheduled to open on the East Coast, on the site of the old Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven, Fla.

SeaWorld parks in Orlando, Fla, San Diego and San Antonio are introducing their first new Shamu shows in five years, environmentally themed killer whale attractions called Believe. In addition, SeaWorld San Diego opens Turtle Reef, a nearly 1.1-million-litre aquarium featuring more than 60 threatened or endangered sea turtles.

Another animal-themed attraction, Cheetah Hunt, opens at Busch Gardens in Tampa, Fla., with a cheetah habitat and roller coaster.

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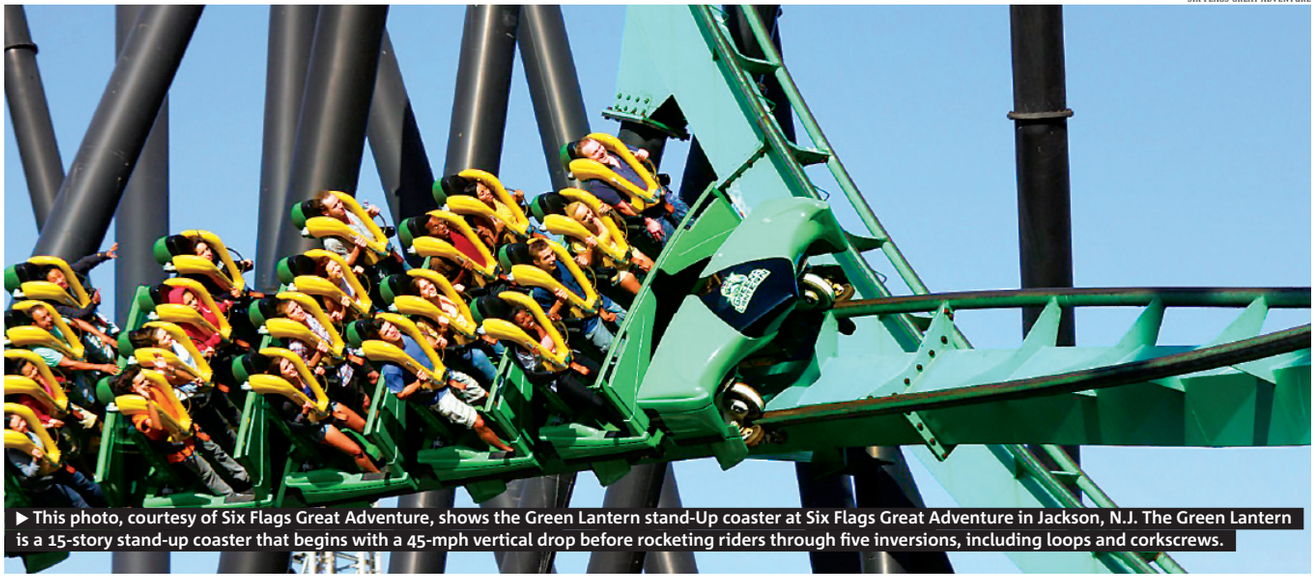

This photo, courtesy of Six Flags Great Adventure, shows the Green Lantern stand-Up coaster at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, N.J. The Green Lantern is a 15-story stand-up coaster that begins with a 45-mph vertical drop before rocketing riders through five inversions, including loops and corkscrews.

Yosemite's falls are in full force

Extra snow has led to Yosemite Park having bigger, faster waterfalls than usual Ice melt water is expected to last well into August

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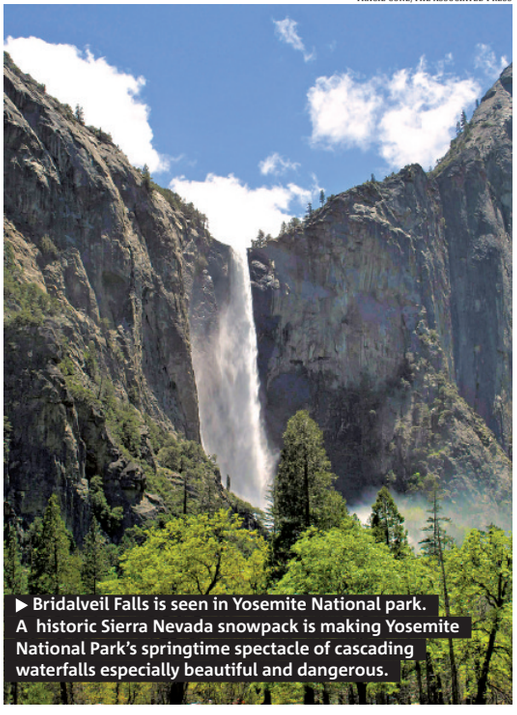

▶ Bridalveil Falls is seen in Yosemite National park. A historic Sierra Nevada snowpack is making Yosemite National Park's springtime spectacle of cascading waterfalls especially beautiful and dangerous.

Water, water everywhere — and it's a spectacular sight.

Record Sierra snowfall over the winter now means record snow melt as temperatures rise, swelling Yosemite National Park's iconic waterfalls, streams and rivers to their most turbulent level in years.

Yosemite Falls, the tallest in the United States, is spewing enough water to fill a gasoline tanker truck every two seconds. The force of water at Bridalveil Falls across the valley kicks up a mist that clouds the meadow below.

It means that until the peak melt around mid-June, visitors will experience more treacherous beauty in Yosemite than even the travel brochures promise.

"Breathtaking, that's what it is," said Lynne Bousie of Scotland, who stopped to pose for a photograph at the spot where the paved trail to Yosemite Falls makes a turn and the first full view of its entire 737-metre drop comes into view.

Water cascading from the many signature falls that cut across Yosemite's granite walls (as well as countless unnamed ones that spout only in peak years like this) is swelling the Merced River. For the next few months the roar of violently churning water will drown out all other background noise in the park.

"Some falls that you can see now don't have names and aren't even on the map," said park spokeswoman Kari Cobb.

Already the frigid, four-degree-celsius river that drains Yosemite Valley's snowmelt is carrying objects away at more than 16 kilometres an hour.

"That's infinitely more powerful than anyone can imagine," said Moose Mutlow, co-ordinator of Yosemite's swift water rescue program, which began practising for the season on Thursday. "You can't keep up with someone if the water is that fast and you're running and dodging trees."

Even minor creeks and streams are flowing hard, which has forced closure of a few campsites. Because of the mild spring, the danger of flooding has been reduced. Thanks to a snowpack twice as deep as usual park officials say the ephemeral falls like Yosemite that dry up in early summer will still by flowing into August. For the first time in a long time record melt and the peak visitor season are falling on the same weekend.

Only three of Yosemite's dozens of waterfalls can be counted on to flow all year — Bridalveil, Vernal and Nevada, and the last two require a steep hike. For a few more weeks, however, even those without the stamina for long walks can experience something rare and special.

"We are very lucky the timing was right," said James Ayres of England as he gazed at Yosemite Falls. "This is incredible."

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A real train sleeper cabin

The caboose on Jason Thornhill's property is no ordinary rail car. Fitted with a queen-size bed, shower and natural gas fireplace, the former Canadian Pacific caboose serves as a cabin that can be rented by the night or week.

"It's awesome," says Thornhill, who also runs a garden centre on the property, called Aspen Crossing. He has six rail cars on the site, including a former dining car now he uses as a restaurant.

"There's a full bathroom in the caboose, a nice little kitchenette with an induction cook top stove, and a DVD player hooked up to a flat-screen TV. … There's also a sofa that folds out to a double bed and a twin mattress up in the cupola."

Situated in a campground, the caboose sleeps up to five and has been available to guests since April. Rates range from $185 to $279 a night.

Thornhill, 36, says he acquired it in 2008 at no charge from a Calgary firm that had been using it as an office and wanted it gone.

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▶ Sao Paulo's carnival

A fashionista's São Paulo

CAMILA YAHN
FOR METRO WORLD NEWS

Like in any other busy big city there are hundreds of options for everything you might like to do in São Paulo, from museums and parks to clubbing and shopping. But one of the best things about the city has to be the food! So many charming restaurants with great eats. There are lots of different kinds of Brazilian restaurants, as well as amazing Japanese and Italian as there are big Japanese and Italian communities here (surprised?). But there are also great new artists and designers — we are in a very rich moment, culturally speaking.

First time?

Stay near Jardins, which is the fashionable area. It's a nice neighbourhood with shops, galleries, bars and restaurants all within walking distance. Visit Masp (masp.art.br), a main museum located at Avenida Paulista, the busiest avenue in the city. Have lunch at the MAM (Museum of Modern Art, mam.org.br), which is in the middle of Ibirapuera park and was designed by Oscar Niemeyer.

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▶ MAM

Shopping!

Hit the Iguatemi (iguatemisaopaulo.com.br) or Cidade Jardim (shoppingcidadejardimjhsf.com.br) malls to understand our shopping and fashion culture. In contrast to Paris, N.Y. or London, people here like to shop indoors, where there are shops, restaurants and banks. Try Cartel, a gallery and shop with a great eye for clothes and accessories (R Artur de Azevedo, 517), or Surface to Air, the French label that also features Brazilian up-and-coming designers (surfacetoair.com). The Jardins neighbourhood is home to stores of famous Brazilian designers including Alexandre Herchcovitch, Gloria Coelho and Reinaldo Lourenço.

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▶ Surface2Air

Eat

The hippest restaurant in town is Lorena 1989, created by the Surface to Air creative collective (lorena1989.com.br). Spot is a trendy place to see and be seen (restaurantespot.com.br). Mani belongs to actress Fernanda Lima. The food is healthy and delicious (manimanioca.com.br). Carlota is cosy and charming, with great food (carlota.com.br). Terraço Italia is a restaurant with great views from above (terracoitalia.com.br).

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▶ Lorena 1989

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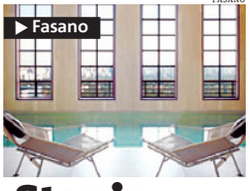
▶ Fasano

Stay in

The Fasano and Emiliano hotels, both 5 stars, are small and cosy with great food. The Fasano has become a label for everything that evokes a nice lifestyle (fasano.com.br).

Go out

For your first beer, go to Bar da Dida (bardadida.com.br). There's great views and groovy music at Lions (lionsnightclub.com.br). For rock and roll, try Alberta#3, a stylish bar owned by a Brazilian journalist (alberta3.com.br), or see new musical and artistic talent at Studio SP (studiosp.org).

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The F1 season for foodies

There are 19 GP races that could be the focus of a memorable trip ◗ Make a holiday of the most inviting destinations ◗ The head of catering at McLaren-Mercedes gives her top five restaurants on the F1 season circuit

EMMA E. FORREST
METRO WORLD NEWS

Going to an F1 race is a great excuse to have a mini holiday; watch the races during the day and eat out in the evenings.

We got our restaurant tips from foodie and F1 circuit veteran, Lyndy Redding, who is the managing director of Absolute Taste.

Absolute Taste is the catering company that feeds the hungry drivers, engineers and VIP guests of McLaren Mercedes team.

For more information check out www.f1.com

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MELBOURNE
March 27

Taxi
It's Japanese-Australian fusion here: "A great buzzy restaurant. The chefs and the staff know their stuff. The food is art and all tastes great. **transporthotel.com.au**

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2

SHANGHAI
April 17

T8
"Yummy fusion food in a restaurant with an Asian ambience, in a fun part of the city. The chefs and staff are gracious. There is also a boutique wine list. **t8shanghai.com**

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VALENCIA
June 26

El Molinon
"This is a fabulous find – a local cider and tapas bar. There are barrels on a sawdust floor. Cider is poured from arms' length." **C/ Bolsería, 40, 46001 Valencia, Spain**

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MONTE CARLO
May 29

Alain Ducasse at La Bastide de Moustiers
"Top chef Alain Ducasse's restaurant in Provence is a must visit during the Grand Prix. Fresh, local food is cooked each day." **bastide-moustiers.com**

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SILVERSTONE
July 10

The Kingham Plough
"The best gastro pub is a short drive away in Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. It's also a great place to stay with simple, chic English-style rooms." **thekinghamplough.co.uk**

Russia by Trans-Siberian

The ride is fun, but the real treats are found off the rail tracks from Moscow to the towns of Siberia

ANTHONY JOHNSTON
METRO WORLD NEWS

The Trans-Siberian rail route is one of the world's most memorable: stretching more than 9,259 kilometres from Moscow to Vladivostok, passing through 87 cities and towns, crossing seven time zones and two continents, a journey on the Trans-Siberian is an extraordinary adventure and every moment brings new surprises.

The truly Russian version of the experience is arguably found while shacking up in the 3rd class – here, the carriage is effectively one large dormitory, a playground in which to enjoy drink-fuelled banter with fellow travellers and sample various culinary delights the hospitable Russian folk have on offer.

But despite the fun of being on a train ride that seemingly never ends, the real joy in the Trans-Siberian is getting off to explore local areas.

Ekaterinburg, the first major stop in Asian Russia along the Trans-Siberian route may seem to be your typical Russian provincial city – but this industrial hub at the foot of the Ural Mountains boasts huge historic interest.

Here you can visit the site where Tsar Nicholas II and the last of the Romanov dynasty were executed by the Bolsheviks in 1918.

A grand Orthodox church with sparkling golden domes – distinctly called the Church on Blood in Honour of All Saints Resplendent in the Russian Land – now stands on the fateful site.

Moving eastwards, try a few days living in Mongolian-style tents along the shores of Lake Baikal. Locals say this ancient lake is sacred so it's no wonder that Olkhon, an island of boundless steppe located in the middle of the lake, is populated by shamans, mystic soothsayers that profess to be messengers between the human and the spiritual world.

On the eastern shores of the lake lies Ulan-Ude, a town populated by the Buryat people, an ethnic minority related to Mongolians.

One of the most curious sights in his town is the world's largest bust of Lenin on the main square. Visitors should also visit nearby Ivolginsky Datsan, a restored Tibetan Buddhist monastery and central Buddhist spiritual centre in Russia.

GO FROM BORED TO BOARD.

Quick tips

EAT

- Stock up with Russian get-together snacks, including pancakes with red caviar, salt-dried vobla fish, pork fat and the popular Russian beer, 'Siberian Crown'.

STAY

- Hotel Baikal in the quaint village of Listvyanka boasts

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e Trans-Siberian.

pressive panoramas of sia's sacred lake. In win- this 1970s hotel looks the Overlook Hotel m movie "The Shining"! ebaikaltravel.com

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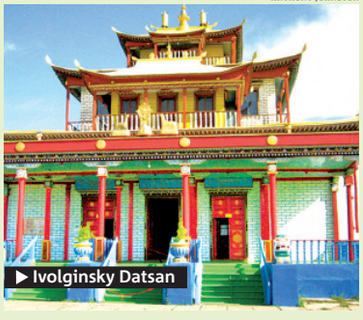
▶ Ivolginsky Datsan

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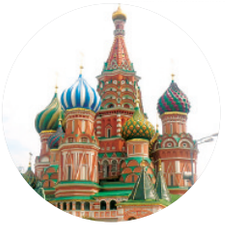

MOSCOW

▶ Taking a stroll on Red Square, dominated by the iconic St. Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin, is a thrill – you're at the very heart of 'Mother Russia'.

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LAKE BAIKAL

▶ Lake Baikal, the world's oldest and deepest lake, is famous for its pristine bright blue waters. It's home to thousands of unique plant and animal species.

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Infusing grilled flavours into salad

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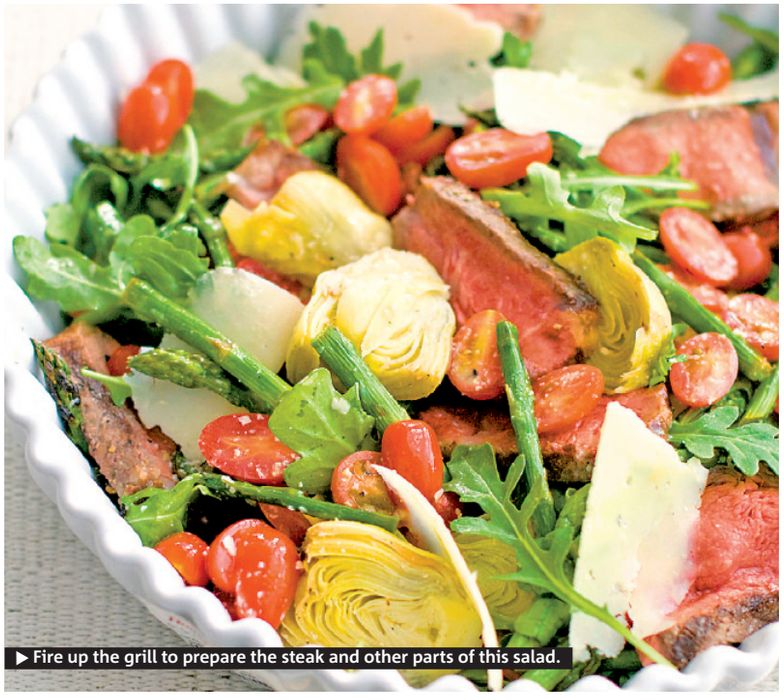

▶ Fire up the grill to prepare the steak and other parts of this salad.

This meal mixes grilled steak and spring veggies

Typically, we think of the grill as the way to cook the main course. But you also can take advantage of this healthy cooking technique to make other parts of the meal, including this composed salad of steak and spring vegetables. The recipe uses the grill to cook and flavour the meat, as well as many of the other components of the dish.

Ingredients:

Dressing

- 75 ml (5 tbsp) lemon juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- Black pepper, to taste

Salad

- 500 g (1 lb) sirloin steak, 2.5 to 3 cm (1 to 1 1/4 inches) thick, trimmed of fat
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- Black pepper, to taste
- 500 g (1 lb) asparagus, bottoms trimmed
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) artichoke hearts, drained
- 250 ml (1 cup) cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 l (4 cups) arugula

Preparation:

1. Heat a gas grill to high or light a charcoal fire.
2. Dressing: In a blender, combine lemon juice, olive oil, Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper. Blend until emulsified. Set aside.
3. Season steak on both sides with salt and pepper. Grill about 5 minutes per side for medium rare. Remove and let rest on a cutting board for 5 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, grill asparagus and artichoke, turning occasionally, until slightly charred and the asparagus spears are tender-crisp, about 5 minutes. Remove from the grill and cut asparagus into 5-cm (2-inch) pieces and the artichoke hearts in half. Place vegetables in a bowl with cherry tomatoes.
5. Thinly slice steak across grain and add to bowl with asparagus and artichoke hearts. Toss with half of the dressing.
6. In a salad bowl, toss arugula with remaining dressing. To compose salad, place some arugula on each plate and arrange grilled steak and vegetables on top. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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If you're reading this Metro in your office and notice some of your colleagues are missing today, don't fear that the rapture was just delayed – today is National Work From Home Day.

The unofficial movement toward greater workplace flexibility is driven by Workopolis, the online recruiter, and more than 75,000 Canadians have "liked" their idea on Facebook.

Andrea Garson, vice-president of human resources, says the goal is to make it an official, legislated event and for companies to develop programs that allow eligible workers to telecommute some or all of the time. Calgary already has a tele-work week and Ottawa is moving toward introducing tele-working options at City Hall.

"From a worker's perspective, there's obviously a greater flexibility in things like choosing your work hours, flexibility, working on your own terms," she says.

"There's a reduction of stress and the ability to care for others if they have a disabled family member."

It also boosts mental health to such an extent that the Canadian Mental Health Association supports the call for a work-from-home day.

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ANDREA GARSON
VICE-PRESIDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AT WORKPOLIS

For employers, it can lead to smaller office needs, happier workers, increased productivity and greater access to qualified candidates. "There's a whole group of people who are now saying this is important to them," Garson says. That includes rising talent from 20-somethings who crave flexible bosses to blend with their flexible lifestyles. Telecommuting options also help retain new parents who might otherwise quit.

Karen Scully will be among the ranks telecommuting Wednesday. She does reports for a call centre in Toronto and works from home two days per week and from the office three days a week. "Everything is on a server and I can talk to my coworkers via MSN," she says of the ease of telecommuting.

It's great for her, as she has a four-hour roundtrip commute. Replacing that twice a week by walking to her in-house office saves her about $250 a month in gas and prevents her bad back from being agitated by the long drive. It's good for her bosses, too, as she arrives for work cheerful, rested and precisely on time. Commuters "arrive at work angry," she laughs.

"Somebody's going to make you angry driving."

Scully also never has to leave work early to catch a carpool ride and rarely misses a telecommute day.

"I don't get snow days anymore," she laments, noting that one year before she telecommuted she had to miss five days due to blizzards.

Home work

It seems that working from home isn't the fantasy scenario that some might imagine it to be.

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As a student in a business program with strong connections to a number of large corporations, I started my job search by emulating what other students around me were doing: applying to large consumer packaged goods, accounting and consulting firms that recruited students directly from our program.

These companies were actually coming to us, hands outstretched, asking for resumés and cover letters.

So, it only made sense to give them what they were looking for.

In retrospect, I realize this is a privilege that most other university students do not have.

Having said that, after jumping through the hoops of these large corporations' systematic recruitment processes and getting turned down numerous times, I found myself becoming very jaded to this type of job hunt.

The process was painfully repetitive: Attend on-campus information session. Submit resumé and cover letter. Fill out online application.

Attach resumé and cover letter again. Wait for response. Interview. Get turned down. Hopelessly wonder why.

Though I began each new application excited about the prospect of the job, by the end I had lost much of my passion and zeal.

Where Alex is now

This summer, I am working as Marketing Co-ordinator for marketing company Redwood Strategic. This is not a job I got through a career centre or any form of on-campus recruiting.

I met the founder, Dave Wilkin, last year at a conference and was captivated by his energy and his belief in the power of what his company does.

After the conference, we kept in touch and met on several occasions to discuss Redwood Strategic, its employment needs, and the kinds of experiences I was looking for.

We soon found a mutual fit and Dave hired me as a Marketing Co-ordinator for the summer.

"This was it. No more faceless applications, no more jumping through unnecessary hoops and no more generic e-mails turning me down without any sort of explanation."
ALEX RADU

It was at this point that, through the Impact Entrepreneurship Group, I was introduced to the world of start-ups and small businesses, which breathed new life into my job hunt.

This was it. No more faceless applications, no more jumping through unnecessary hoops, and no more generic e-mails turning me down without any sort of explanation. Finally, an application process where I was dealing with real people who were incredibly passionate about their work. Plus, they were equally interested in me and what I could bring to the table.

It was a whole new world of job opportunities.

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▶ Alex Radu advises graduates going through the application process to gravitate towards recruiters who seem genuinely enthusiastic about their companies.

My advice to my fellow students is not to restrict themselves to applying only for positions they find through career centres or on job boards.

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Try something new

Learn to tap dance. Go skydiving. Master a difficult recipe. Take a course and learn to communicate in sign language. Interesting facts about yourself on your resumé will make you stand apart from the crowd and can provide some friendly banter in the midst of an intense job interview.

Find a mentor.

Get in touch with a professor, relative, or friend who is working in a field that you're interested in. Then ask lots of questions about their career journey to learn how they got to where they are. It will inspire you to take steps in the right direction.

Make a difference.

Think outside the box and see if there is a way to use your skills to help others. Are you good at directions? Volunteer to drive and deliver meals to seniors and shut–ins. Are you great at planning events? Host a fundraiser for a cause you're passionate about. Visit Christian Children's Fund of Canada's website ccfcanada.ca for tips on how to run a successful event.

Though volunteering may not contribute to your sports car fund, it will pay off in the long run as employers look fondly on individuals who show initiative and work hard.

Finding a job is tough in a competitive market and struggling economy. Make this summer count and employers may just give your resume a second look.

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LETTING GO OF A LONG-LASTING LOOPHOLE

WORKPLACE LAW

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It is possibly the biggest loophole in workplace law: corporations terminating long-term employees and providing them with only the bare minimum severance.

While it is not technically illegal, these former employees are clearly being exploited. But after a recent Ontario case, that loophole may have just been closed.

Luis Romero Olguin came to Canada in 1979 and started work for cabinetry maker Canac Kitchens shortly after. When Canac recently closed its Canadian plant, Olguin was terminated as part of a mass layoff, at the age of 55 and after 24 years of service. Canac deliberately provided Olguin with only the minimum severance and benefits required by legislation, aware that this was considerably less than the "fair" amount that courts oblige employers to provide, based on their age and service.

Shortly after his termination, Olguin was diagnosed with throat cancer that prevented him from working.

He sued Canac in a claim that took nearly five years to reach trial, a fact not lost on the judge who referred to Canac's decision to litigate its many disputes with its former long-term employees.

According to the court, Canac was required to "make Olguin whole" after termination, which means it had to continue his salary and benefits for a reasonable period of time.

Instead, the judge noted that Canac "chose to go the bare minimum route," consciously providing just the "minimums in pay and benefits" and gambling that Olguin would stay well.

Olguin was awarded damages in the hundreds of thousands for lost disability benefits on top of wrongful dismissal damages for the lack of fair severance.

The court then denounced Canac's "hardball approach," in consciously paying Olguin just the bare minimum, by awarding him punitive damages, usually reserved only for outrageous employer misconduct.

Too many companies have a practice of paying only minimal severance, which forces dismissed employees to sue them for what is fair. I have a number of these cases. The employers are aware of the obstacles this poses for employees and, until now, have been able to exploit them.

In light of this precedent, employers must now think twice about paying only the minimum or risk paying additional damages far in excess of the original claim.

DANIEL LUBLIN IS AN EMPLOYMENT LAWYER WITH WHITTEN & LUBLIN LLP. HIS FULL ARTICLE CAN BE READ ONLINE AT METRONEWS.CA

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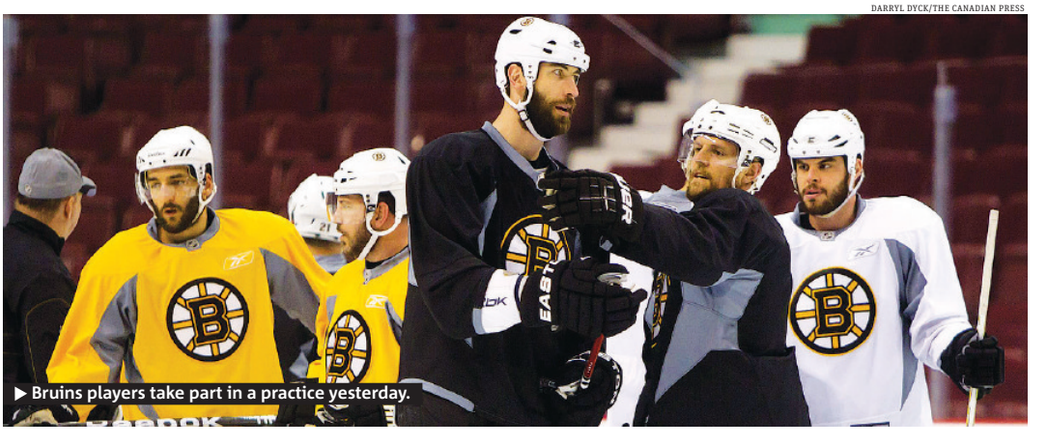

▶ Bruins players take part in a practice yesterday.

The final frontier

And so it begins. Seventeen years since coming up a goalpost short of the moment every player, executive, owner and fan of the Vancouver Canucks has dreamed of, this year's team has given itself an excellent chance of erasing 40 years of frustration with four more wins.

Standing in the way, a Boston Bruins squad intent on ending a 38-year drought of its own.

The Canucks have been extremely strong starters through three rounds, winning each series opener to date.

Much of that is due to the play of Roberto Luongo, who has pitched two shutouts and allowed a mere two goals in those three victories, all on home ice.

But don't let the Bruins' 1-2 record in series-opening games fool you.

Boston has won the first road game it has played in each round of the playoffs to date, so beginning this series in Vancouver may actually be welcomed by the beasts of the East.

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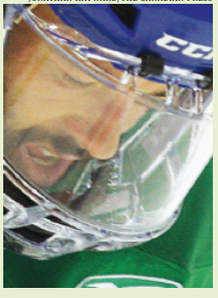

For reasons unclear

GM Mike Gillis refused to use the word setback, but it is now highly unlikely that Manny Malhotra will play in tonight's game despite receiving clearance earlier this week. Instead, Alex Bolduc will centre Vancouver's fourth line, flanked by Victor Oreskovitch and Jeff Tambellini.

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All-time advantage?

The Canucks are poised to break the record for power-play potency by a Stanley Cup winner. Vancouver is currently clicking at 28.3 per cent with the man advantage, a mark that would eclipse the 1988 Edmonton Oilers (26.5 per cent) for power-play efficiency should the Canucks maintain it.

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Tiny Tim looms large

The only things smaller between the pipes than Tim Thomas are his numbers against the Canucks. Thomas boasts a perfect 3-0 career record against Vancouver, blanking the Canucks on two occasions and allowing just one goal in the other victory, a 3-1 win at Rogers Arena on Feb. 26.

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Generation gap

Only three players expected to play in this series have won Stanley Cups, including Kamloops native Mark Recchi. The 43-year-old won his first of two Cups with Pittsburgh in the spring of 1991, more than six months before teammate Tyler Seguin was born the following January.

After a long wait, Canucks are ready to face Bruins

A photograph hanging on a wall at Rogers Arena shows Mark Messier with a mile-wide grin, lifting the Stanley Cup as the New York Rangers captain.

The image brought a smile to Tanner Glass. He has imagined that moment many times.

"As a kid I have won this trophy a million times in my basement," the soft-spoken Vancouver Canuck forward said yesterday. "To finally be here and experience everything that goes along with it is super exciting."

BRUINS CANUCKS

▶ **Time:** 5 p.m.
TV: CBC

The long wait is almost over as Glass and the rest of his Canuck teammates face the Boston Bruins tonight in Game 1 of the NHL Stanley Cup final. It's the first time in 17 years the Canucks have reached the final.

"This is what you play your whole life for," said Daniel Sedin, who led the NHL in scoring this season and is an MVP finalist. "It's a nice feeling.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us, but right now we're enjoying the moment."

Long-suffering Canuck fans are hoping it's the beginning of the end to their 40-year wait to see the franchise win its first Stanley Cup.

The same excitement that gripped Vancouver during the 2010 Winter Olympics has taken hold of the city. The streets are full of fans wearing Canuck jerseys. Team flags flap from car windows.

"This city is obviously crazy about their hockey, crazy about their Canucks," said centre Ryan Kesler, who played for the U.S. team that lost the gold medal to Canada at the Games.

"They are very passionate. They have been waiting a while for this. I am more excited about this than the Olympics."

Boston is looking to end its own long drought. The Bruins have won five Stanley Cups, but the last came in 1972. Their last appearance in the final was 1990 when they lost in five games to the Edmonton Oilers.

Forward Nathan Horton loves the excitement in Vancouver, but said the Bruins came to town with a job to do.

"We all know they have a lot of skill," said Horton. "We are going to have to stay out of the box and be disciplined."

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"Boston has some good celebrities we can make fun of. Zdeno Chara's height may be a target. We have to step up our game."

FORCE, ONE-HALF OF THE GREEN MEN. GAME 1 COULD BE THE GREEN MEN'S LONE APPEARANCE IN VANCOUVER, BUT THEY HOPE TO TAKE THEIR ACT ON THE ROAD TO BOSTON.

"I will be very nervous if we go to Boston. They have very passionate fans."

FORCE. THE PAIR ARE PRICING A TRIP TO BOSTON FOR GAMES 3 AND 4.

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▶ Vancouver Canucks, from left, Ryan Kesler, Aaron Rome, Henrik Sedin and Alex Burrows battle during practice yesterday.

A glitch in feel-good tale for Canucks

Injured Malhotra misses final tune-up before Game 1 of Cup final

Now, you see him. Now, you don't.

Vancouver Canucks centre Manny Malhotra's inspirational comeback was put on hold yesterday, raising questions about whether he will be able to compete in the Stanley Cup final against the Boston Bruins.

Malhotra, recovering from a career-threatening eye injury suffered in mid-March, was conspicuous by his absence as the Canucks held their last full practice before tonight's Game 1 (CBC, 5 p.m.).

"He gets monitored every day and today was a day they (medical staff) felt that it would be best to stay away for today," said Vancouver general manager Mike Gillis. "He'll be back around the team again (today), we anticipate."

The 31-year-old Mississauga, Ont., native returned to practice recently after undergoing a number of surgical procedures to save his vision, fuelling speculation that he would be ready for game action as the Canucks compete for a first Stanley Cup in their 40-season history.

But Gillis raised doubts about the possibility of him returning in time to suit up against the Boston Bruins.

"He hasn't been cleared to play yet," said Gillis. "He's cleared for some contact."

"When he's cleared to play and play in the NHL, you'll see him with the team again. Until that point, we'll take it day by day and monitor it day by day."

CANUCKS GM MIKE GILLIS ON MANNY MALHOTRA

The general manager's comments contradicted those of Canucks coach Alain Vigneault, who said Saturday that Malhotra had been officially cleared to play. Vigneault did not differentiate between practices and games.

Gillis said that Malhotra had not suffered a setback.

"No, it's part of the ongoing plan he's had from the date of the injury," said Gillis.

The veteran centre was injured as a puck deflected into his eye off the stick of St. Louis Blues defenceman Erik Johnson.

The Canucks announced shortly after Malhotra went down that he was out for the season. He underwent surgical procedures and stayed around the team while dodging reporters and contributing with video analysis, pep talks and other preparations.

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Now it's up to fans to do heavy spending

The NHL is returning to Winnipeg with a hefty price tag attached to the franchise.

There was no glossing over the harsh financial reality of operating a team in the league as the estimated $170-million-US sale and relocation of the Atlanta Thrashers was announced yesterday.

Not only did True North Sports and Entertainment spend a significant amount of time detailing the price of tickets, but NHL commissioner Gary Bettman also made it clear that every one of them better be accounted for.

"It isn't going to work very well unless this building is sold out every night," said Bettman.

The 15,015-seat MTS Centre will be the smallest arena in the NHL and Winnipeg re-enters the league at a time when it has never been more expensive to do business.

The salary cap is expected to climb to $62 million next season and if that were to happen, every team would have to spend at least $46 million to reach the salary floor.

The Thrashers currently have $35.9 million tied up in 15 players for next season. There are seven pending restricted free agents — included captain Andrew Ladd and defenceman Zach Bogosian — and another three players eligible for unrestricted free agency.

All told, the payroll could exceed $50 million.

Decisions must also be made about the entire hockey operations staff, including general manager Rick Dudley. He signed a four-year contract extension in January but won't necessarily make the move north.

"We have got a lot of work to do," said Winnipeg co-owner Mark Chipman. "I have a very high regard for Rick, (but) haven't spoken to him and expect to do so very shortly."

In the meantime, True North is asking fans to open their wallets for the new franchise. Tickets will range in price between $39 and $129.

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Heat's Big 3 too much for Mavs in NBA finals opener

92	84
HEAT	MAVERICKS

The Miami Heat have struck first in the NBA finals.

LeBron James scored 24 points for his first win in five finals-game appearances, Dwyane Wade added 22 points and 10 rebounds, and the Heat beat the Dallas Mavericks 92-84 in Game 1 of the title series last night. The Heat trailed by eight points early in the third quarter before pulling away.

Chris Bosh scored 19 points and Mario Chalmers added 12 for Miami, which hosts Game 2 tomorrow night.

Dirk Nowitzki had 27 points and eight rebounds for Dallas, which got 16 points from Shawn Marion and 12 from Jason Terry.

Miami's trio of stars were the difference, as Dallas knew might be the case.

The Mavs had made a priority of stopping Bosh. He started strong, but then got into a funk so bad that he wound up face-down in the lane with the ball in his belly and the refs calling a 24-second violation early in the fourth quarter. Minutes later, Wade rebounded a miss by Jason Kidd and whipped the ball ahead to Bosh, who recovered with a dunk. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ LeBron James

Point/ counterpoint

Who will win the Stanley Cup? And why?

We've teamed up with our friends at Metro Boston to offer both sides of the debate over the final.

The question's simple: Who will raise Lord Stanley's Cup? And what will lift the winners to victory?

In the West Coast's corner, Metro Vancouver's Matt Kieltyka says the Canucks simply outclass the B's.

Across the continent, Metro Boston's Mike Naughton says Tim Thomas will carry the Bruins once again.

METRO

MATT KIELTYKA

METRO VANCOUVER

It's as true in hockey as it is in boxing: Styles make fights.

If you match up the right opponents, there will be fireworks. But even a tiny mismatch can render one of the fighters ineffective.

Unfortunately for the Boston Bruins, they've drawn the worst opponent possible for their system with the Canucks.

Both teams have comparable goalies, depth and defensive lines.

So the final will come down to matchups and styles.

That's where the Canucks simply outclass the Bruins.

Boston's tendency to collapse in its own zone and give up weak goals has already nearly cost it against Montreal and Tampa Bay — two very one-dimensional teams.

It will be their undoing against the Canucks.

It's not that the Bruins are a bad team; they'll come out swinging. But Vancouver will KO them in Game 6.

MICHAEL NAUGHTON

METRO BOSTON

Tim Thomas.

That's why the Bruins will win their first Stanley Cup in decades.

This series will be tough, I'm not going to try to kid anyone. Vancouver has the Sedin brothers, after all. And the Canucks should have an advantage on the power play.

But the B's showed they can execute Claude Julien's defence-first system in Game 7 against Tampa Bay. That system can help negate Vancouver's greatest strength.

And that's why this series comes down to goaltending.

Roberto Luongo is tough. There's no denying he's Thomas's equal. But there's one big difference: The Canucks backstop has been pulled this post-season, while Thomas has been the B's backbone.

Thomas has been waiting years for this opportunity. After the season he's had, don't expect him to let it pass without his name ending up on the Cup.

Red Sox rejig game time for Cup finals

The Boston Red Sox have moved up the starting time of Saturday's game against the Oakland Athletics to 10:10 a.m. so that fans will be able to also watch the Bruins in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final.

The game had originally been scheduled for 4:10 p.m. The Red Sox made similar changes in 2008 and 2010, when the Celtics reached the NBA final.

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Sports in brief

Dineen to coach Panthers?

NHL. A person familiar with negotiations tells The Associated Press the Florida Panthers have hired Kevin Dineen as coach. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blue Jays lose to Indians

MLB. Mitch Talbot, allowed a single run in 6 ⅔ innings as the Cleveland Indians beat the Blue Jays 6-3 in Toronto last night.

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Engine

Honda didn't substantially alter the Civic's base 140-horsepower 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine, other than to tweak it to improve fuel economy.

However, the sporty Si coupe and sedan receive a new 2.4-litre engine that generates 201 horsepower (up from 197) to replace the previous 2.0.

That means 31 more pound-feet of torque for a much peppier drive.

Updates

The Civic coupe and sedan have evolved only modestly, compared to their previous-gen counterparts.

The rooflines are a bit more sweeping (what Honda calls a "one motion profile") and the front roof pillars are now thinner to improve visibility.

Other updates include a more attractive nose plus a general updating of the rear deck and taillamps.

Road manners

Upgrading the Civic's already decent road manners involved dialing in greater steering responsiveness, retuning the front and rear suspension for a smoother ride and enlarging the underbody's flat surface area to reduce air resistance (to improve fuel economy).

With numerous performance choices and trim levels, the Civic continues to provide a lean to loaded assortment over a price range that remains about the same as before (starting at $16,400, including delivery costs).

▶ The grille has been recut to blend in with the rest of the Honda family. More subtlety, about 2.5 centimetres have been cut out of the distance between the front and rear wheels.

Evolutionary path for Civic

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The new Honda Civic's song remains the same, but its melody just keeps on getting richer and sweeter.

The first-generation Civic that arrived for the 1973 model year was the ideal antidote for increasing pump prices (and gas rationing in the United States) that struck fear into the hearts of drivers back then.

Through the Civic, Honda showed the world that inexpensive, fuel-efficient automobiles could also be fun and desirable.

Additionally, Honda became an early proponent of environmental responsibility and conservation at a time when the Detroit-based ironmongers continued pumping out ever larger and wasteful fleets.

With each successive generation, the Civic has stayed mostly true to its original purpose and has reaped the rewards from a growing and loyal customer base.

It's clear that the ninth-generation Civic that's just now trickling into the retail pipeline (slowed due to parts shortages from the recent earthquake/tsunami in Japan) is following an evolutionary path.

There's no shock-and-awe approach to its design or technological content. Instead there's a continual effort to improve on the Civic's inherent goodness that will more likely be felt as much as noticed.

▶ The Si Coupe has very nice rear top-fender crease that gives the car some shape.

▶ The unique tiered gauges can be augmented with a supplemental 12.7-centimetre screen (top right) above the navigation screen.

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Also returning is the significantly changed Civic Hybrid sedan, which Honda claims will achieve 4.4 l/100 km in the city and 4.2 on the highway, a slight improvement compared to 2011.

2012 Honda Civic

What you should know about the 2012 Honda Civic:

- **Types:** Two- /four-door compact sedan/coupe.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.8-litre SOHC I4 (140); 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (201); 1.5-litre SOHC I4 with electric motor (110, combined).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual; five-speed automatic six-speed manual (Si); continuously variable (Hybrid).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 7.2/5.0 (1.8, AT).

By comparison

Chevrolet Cruze
Base price: $16,450
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GOOGLE WORKING ON ULTIMATE BACK SEAT DRIVER

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Late last year, Google revealed that a fleet of self-driving vehicles it's developing has already logged about 200,000 kilometres on public roads and streets in California.

Which begs a lot of profound questions, like… Where were the cops? … Even if driver-less technology has arrived, should we use it? … Who pays when a driverless car hits something? … And who is getting in the first one certified for public use, because it's not going to be me?

The brains behind the Google self-driving initiative is Sebastian Thrun. Before moving to Google, he was behind several Stanford driverless vehicle projects, including Stanley, the first ever-winner of the DARPA Grand Challenge, a U.S. military contest worth $2 million in grants, for a driverless vehicle that could pass several challenges in desert conditions.

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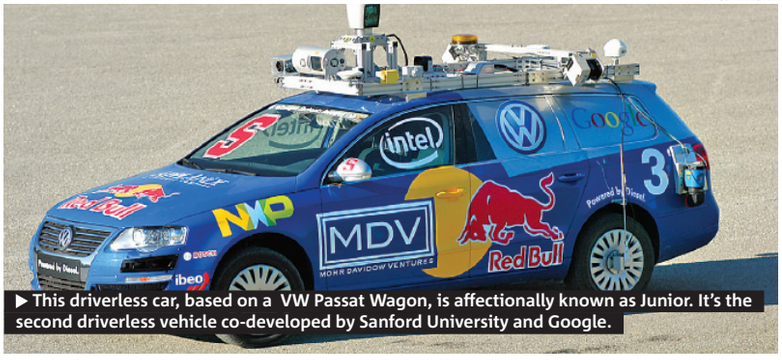

▶ This driverless car, based on a VW Passat Wagon, is affectionally known as Junior. It's the second driverless vehicle co-developed by Sanford University and Google.

Thrun believes we should peruse driverless vehicle technology for safety reasons. In fact, he opened his talk at the TED Conference earlier this year, by saying that when his best friend died in a vehicle crash at age 18, he soon decided to dedicate his life to one day saving one million people per year from vehicle-related deaths.

Others have made this case before, that vehicles that can communicate to each other, and that are connected to a common grid of some kind, could easily be programmed to stay out of each other's way. (Most accident deaths are caused by human error.)

Thrun also believes that driverless vehicle can save much gasoline and human time. We can save gas, he says, by increasing the capacity of our current roadways "by a factor of two or three." With totally automated systems, vehicles should be able to travel very close together, and on vary narrow ribbons, or so he says. This would also get rid of gridlock, which he figures robs the U.S. of about 4 billion hours of wasted time every year.

He ended by saying that he and others are working toward, and looking forward to, a future time, "when generations look back at us and say how ridiculous it was that humans were driving cars."

Wow.

We're a long ways from that "utopia." Even if there are no technology issues, a lot of governments, legislators, citizens, etc., will have to get on board.

But I think the biggest hurdle in our lifetime is the collective memory of current drivers. The Google vehicles started life as normal Toyota Prius models. For the California tests, two engineers sat in the driver and passenger seats at all times — to monitor the computer systems linking the maps, video cameras, radars and lasers, servo-motors, etc., and for driver backup, in case of driverless driver malfunction.

I don't know how those guys did it. I rode shotgun once in a driverless car at Chrysler's proving grounds in Michigan, and it wasn't easy. I squirmed in my seat. I stared and swore at the invisible driver. I did not enjoy it.

I suppose I could have viewed it as an amusement ride, or like getting on a train. But I knew where such a train was heading — to a future where I wasn't allowed behind the wheel.

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Making tires run quietly

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Designing a tire is quite a balancing act. The tire needs to be safe, long-lasting and as fuel-efficient as possible, but it also needs to be relatively quiet to avoid excessive road noise.

Pirelli has a research and development department that deals specifically with tire noise, especially since it is headquartered in Europe where tires have to meet maximum mandated noise levels, says Mastracchio Orazio, quality product manager for Canada for Pirelli Tire.

"There are a few factors with noise, and the most predominant one is the tread design," Orazio says. "For example, a winter truck design will generate more noise than a summer performance tire. The (rubber) compound has a minimal effect. It depends on the tread design."

Tire treads are made up of blocks that contain grooves and sipes, the tiny slits in the tread face that help increase traction.

"You see more and more tires that have a modern tread design," Orazio says. "Most of them are asymmetrical or directional. You need to make sure that the pitch of the tread blocks is not the same on the left side as on the right side, because when the wind hits the tread blocks, it generates a certain level of decibels. If you space out the tread blocks, it breaks the wind noise."

Tires are tested for noise in a special "quiet" room, with microphones inside and outside the car. The vehicle is run on rollers in the floor, with the microphones picking up and analyzing the sound. The engineers work to make the tire as quiet as possible, while still working in conjunction with those who are designing the tread and assessing the tire's longevity.

If they go too far in one direction, they sacrifice at the other.

"We have to consider the safety," Orazio says. "Noise is up there, but safety is the priority."

Regulations

- Europe has strict regulations on tires, and by Nov. 1, 2012, new tires will have to be sold with their fuel efficiency, wet grip and rolling noise levels displayed at the store or in advertising materials so that consumers can compare them.

PIRELLI TIRE.

▶ A Pirelli Scorpion Verde all-season tire is pictured.

First-gen Vue appeals mainly on price

Heavy horsepower models are available

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2006 Saturn Vue

Intended to compete with the Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV4, the Saturn Vue entered its first generation with a unique look, two available powertrains and available All-Wheel Drive.

A high-performance Redline variant was available with enhanced styling, and a hybrid version was available, too.

Riding the same platform that housed the Chevrolet Equinox and Pontiac Torrent, Vue was powered by a 2.2-litre, 143-horsepower four-cylinder engine, or a 3-litre, 181-horsepower V6.

A five-speed manual gearbox was available for the four-cylinder engine, and automatics were fitted otherwise. A CVT transmission was available on early four-cylinder Vue models too, though shoppers are advised to avoid it. Among other things, GM canned this transmission option due to reliability issues.

Note that from 2004 and on, the V6 engine was replaced by a 3.5-litre unit from Honda, which cranked horsepower up to 270.

Look for a five-door, five-seat configuration, flexible folding rear seats and generous interior storage accommodations.

Feature content included leather seating, a sunroof, power accessories and remote access. An auto-dimming rearview mirror, satellite radio, OnStar and cruise control were also available.

What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2002-07 Saturn Vue
- **Vehicle type:** Crossover
- **Price:** $2,500 to $14,000

What Owners Like

Owners of this generation of Vue typically praise its easy driving character and flexibility, as well as styling.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints tend to deal with cramped rear seats, cheap interior parts and a noisy ride and suspension.

Common Issues

Other issues are numerous, and test drivers set on a Vue for its lower-than-average price and unique styling are advised to have a full mechanical inspection by a Saturn-trained mechanic.

A full inspection of the AWD system (if so equipped), as well as a "scan" of the engine computer for signs of bad sensors is an ideal starting point.

Many owners have reported sensor and wiring-related problems, meaning a full check of all electronic accessories should be considered mandatory, too. Ditto the transmission. If the Vue you're test driving hesitates, slips or "clunks" during gear shifts, move to another unit. Note that the Vue also seemed prone to bearing-related issues with wheel-bearings and carrier bearings for the driveshaft in the AWD system.

The Verdict

To avoid potential headaches and reliability issues, a front-drive, four-cylinder unit with the five-speed manual is likely your best bet. If you're not dead-set on a first-gen Vue and can spend a little more money, more reliable models are available.

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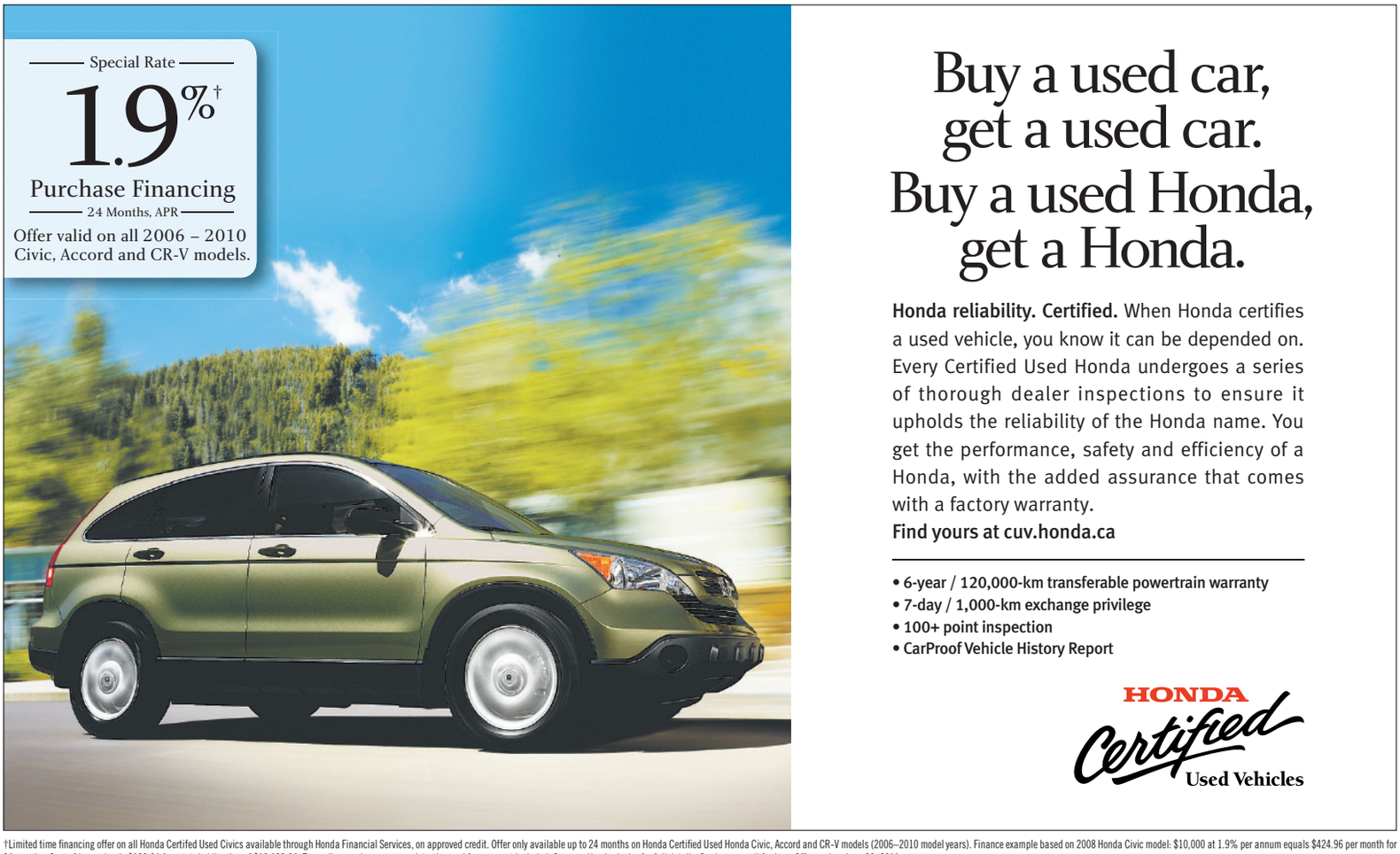

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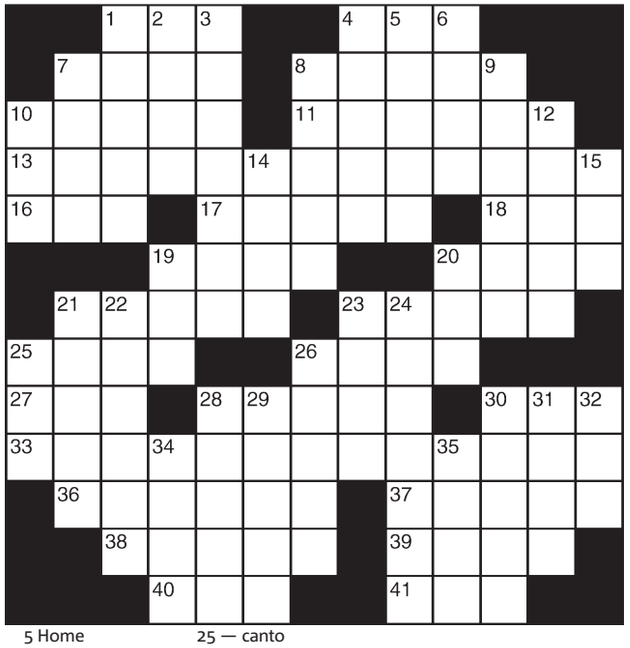

Across

1 "— the season ..."
4 Perched
7 Understand, slangily
8 Tennis player's sore spot
10 Dish
11 Illinois city
13 Events of 7/29/81 and 4/29/11
16 Type squares
17 "— Foolish Things"
18 401(k) alternative
19 Old World deer
20 Singles
21 Dracula, e.g.
23 Mirror's offering
25 Use the oven
26 Use a teaspoon
27 Geological period
28 Weeps loudly
30 Lawyers' org.
33 No traitor
36 Smoothly, in music
37 Battery terminal
38 Twelve
39 Sorts
40 Teut.
41 Easter-egg preparation

Down

1 Cafeteria stack
2 Greek vowel
3 Kadiddlehopper portrayer
4 Coasters
5 Home
6 Actress Spelling
7 Latch (onto)
8 Tools for duels
9 — and dining
10 Opposite of post-
12 Coincide
14 Sharpen
15 Airline to Stockholm
19 Regret
20 Rowing need
21 Christmas song
22 Accepted
23 "— have to do"
24 Lost
25 — canto
26 Faint
28 Fire
29 Subsequently
30 Heard the alarm
31 Foundations
32 Exist
34 Enthusiastic, plus
35 Sans siblings

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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6	9	3	4	5	1	8	7	2
1	3	4	8	9	5	6	2	7
9	5	6	7	4	2	3	8	1
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My Hubby, We know it must be true love if even after 18 world wars, we're still walking together hand in hand.. and behind every "I hate you" said, is an "I'm madly in love with you" hidden. No more hidden messages though because I want the whole world to know how much I love you.. **YOUR ASIAN BEAUTY**

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Today's solar eclipse will reward you in ways you may not have been expecting.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Do something dramatic today, something that will make the world sit up and take notice.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 There's something important you need to deal with before you moving on to bigger and better things.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Today, you will wonder why everyone is being so nice to you but don't let it get out of hand. You're appreciated.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Let someone in a position of power know you are ambitious and you will be moving up in the world.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 What do you dream of doing more than anything else? Do it — right now.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 By all means, go on the offensive today, especially where money matters are concerned.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may get angry with people who think and act lower than you but nagging them won't change it.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will work extremely hard over the next 24 hours. Push yourself above and beyond your usual limit.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Relationships and affairs of the heart will benefit from the eclipse.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You'll deal with a grievance, but it shouldn't be too much for your caring nature. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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